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### IN THE "RED SPEAR" COUNTRY.

**"DEFENDERS OF THE PEOPLE" NOT TRUSTED.**

**DECAPITATION OF "INVULNERABLES."**

HWAITEK, N. Honan, Mar. 3rd.  
For more than two weeks we have had only intermittent communication with the outside world, writes a correspondent to the *Peking and Tientsin Times*. Fengtien troops occupied this City a week ago. Previous to their entry, the City gates had been closed for several days on account of the presence in the vicinity of several hundred Red Spears. These "Spears" had taken into their ranks a number of soldiers of questionable character, who acted as their leaders, and were becoming a menace to the peace of the community.

Wu Pei Fu's troops had no sooner retired before the oncoming Manchurians, than these heterogeneous, self-styled "Defenders of the people" emerged with their crude weapons of war. The prompt closing against them of the City gates showed that they were not trusted.

#### Stern Measures.

The man in the street still believes rather firmly in their supernatural powers, but their stock must have depreciated considerably the day following the arrival of the North-erners. On the evening that the latter entered the City, they were informed that the Red Spears had been interfering with the people in a market town some ten miles away. A platoon of foot soldiers was at once sent out, and came back the following morning with ten odd "Invulnerables." These received short shrift. Six of their heads decorated the City walls before the day was out. That evening the writer asked some Chinese friends if all was peaceful. "Oh yes," said they, "everything is quiet now. There are six heads hanging on the City wall." It still requires stern measures to restore order in this unsettled country.

There have been several minor engagements in this vicinity between the Fengtien troops and the "Spears," the latter invariably getting badly worsted. We shall probably hear nothing more of them until there is another change in the military situation.

Before the Manchurians arrived, our local Chinese friends were decidedly uneasy. They did not like the idea of the soldiery billeting on the people, and there were ugly rumours about the conduct of the troops. However, after a week's trial, there appears to be but little unfavourable comment. The Manchurian paper dollar is supposed to change for twenty-three cents, but even then nobody wants it. The cash bill passes at 70 per cent. of its face value.

A Chinese doctor just arrived from south of the River reports that the rival armies of Feng Yu Hsiang and Liu Chen Hwa are in a condition of stalemate, and so prospects for peace in their spheres of influence seem fair for the time being.

#### Only Peace Needed.

During our time in China, we have never seen better prospects for a Spring harvest in North Honan. Crops were very fair here last year, and food prices are not high. If peace could be restored, and business resumed, there could still be a contented people.

### SUN YAT SEN ANNIVERSARY.

**SIX CHINESE KILLED AT SINGAPORE.**

**ATTEMPT TO 'RUSH' POLICE STATION.**

Brief particulars of the incident at Singapore during the recent Sun Yat Sen anniversary celebrations have appeared in our columns already. A copy of the *Straits Times* to hand gives fuller details of the affair.

Celebrations of the anniversary of the death of Sun Yat Sen led to a serious disturbance in Singapore, as a result of which the Police at Kreta Ayer Station fired on a mob. Six Chinese were killed and eleven injured.

A demonstration at the well-known fair ground known as Happy Valley was followed by a procession of Hailams, entirely contrary to regulations and against the wishes of the Cantonese who organized the celebration.

The procession went down the road to Kreta Ayer Police Station where a traffic block was formed. Inspector F. J. Dale attempted to regulate this, with four constables, and they were set upon by members of the crowd and driven back to the station.

Constables in the station then attempted to drive the crowd back, using batons. Two constables were badly beaten, and Inspector Dale received a severe head wound and was knocked down.

The mob then made two attempts to rush the station, and the Malay

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### KUOMINTANG MEMBERS IN MANCHURIA.

**A NUMBER OF ARRESTS.**

**PROTESTS FROM SHANGHAI.**

[Asiatic News Service.]

TIENTSIN, March 11th.

The *Takungpao* prints a special telegram from Changchun, Central Manchuria, reporting the arrest of over ten Kuomintang members by the Japanese and Chinese police in Kirin province. The leader of those arrested appears to be Mr. Han Yu Fu, who calls himself chief of the Kuomintang organisation in Kirin province. He and his associates are being held by the Chinese authorities for trial under the indictment that they are guilty of inciting workers and labourers of the South Manchuria and Chinese Eastern Railways and also of the cigarette factories of the British-American Tobacco Company to declare a general strike and rise against the régime of Chang Tso Lin in Manchuria in connection with the hostilities in the Yangtze Valley.

[Asiatic News Service.]

SHANGHAI.

The members of the Korean Kuomintang at Shanghai have just wired to the Waichiaoou and Marshal Chang Tso Lin protesting against the wholesale arrest and detention of Korean residents in Kirin province by the Japanese and Chinese authorities. According to information in the possession of the Korean Kuomintang headquarters of Shanghai, over forty Koreans in various walks of life have been arrested by the Japanese police at Changchun and other cities in central Manchuria and handed over to the local Chinese authorities for trial on the charge of being anti-government agitators. The members of the Korean Kuomintang in Shanghai complain that the charges brought against their countrymen by the Japanese police in Manchuria are false and that the Koreans should be released by the Chinese authorities as they are law-abiding and peaceful residents who have sought refuge in Chinese territory since the military occupation of their mother country by Japan.

police opened fire, with the result stated above.

#### Police Report.

The following is the preliminary report on the disturbance issued by the police:—

"The death of Sun Yat Sen was celebrated by numbers of Chinese at the Happy Valley on Saturday afternoon. The assembly included a large contingent comprising approximately 30 Hailam night-schools."

"The ceremony of paying respect to Sun's photograph as proposed by those organising the celebration was to be simple and brief; speeches were declared, no arrangements were made for formal processions through the town. Except for a little trouble in regulating entry into the Happy Valley enclosure, proceedings went smoothly."

"Later a number of Hailam participants commenced addressing the crowd, in breach of arrangements. Certain of the Cantonese representatives remonstrated and endeavoured to suppress the speech-makers. Excitement ran high and a few of the Cantonese were attacked and assaulted."

"Later the mob made two attempts to rush Kreta Ayer Police Station and on each occasion the Police fired. Six Chinese are dead as a result of this firing."

"The hospital casualties include the following:—Eleven Hailams injured by the Police at the Kreta Ayer Station; two Cantonese and an Indian tram conductor injured at Kreta Ayer; two Cantonese and one Tiuchiu assaulted at the Happy Valley."

"Within a few minutes of the firing, Mr. Samuel and Mr. Dickinson, followed by Chief Inspector Porter and Detective Inspectors Tongue and Dixon, arrived from the Happy Valley and dispersed the crowd without further firing. Within a short while, there was little noticeable evidence of any disturbance and up to the time of writing the town has been extremely quiet."

#### Quiet at Night.

Absolute quiet prevailed at night. The streets of the Chinese quarter were almost deserted. Armed police patrols were on duty in all parts of the town.

When the shooting occurred all police officers were communicated with and at once returned to their posts, remaining on duty all night. A number of Inspectors were engaged in a 'cricket match' against the Singapore Recreation Club on the Padang. When the message was received the match was abandoned and the police at once left to report for duty. Government officials were also communicated with and remained within call.

All disturbance ceased abruptly with the shooting, however, and the town has remained absolutely quiet since.

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Kailan Mining Ad. .. \$3/ nom.

Langkate (combined) .. \$14.22 nom.

Do. (single) .. \$14.101 nom.

Siam Explosives .. \$14.4 nom.

Shanghai Loans .. \$14.7 nom.

Bank .. \$4 sel.

Troms Mines .. \$1/ buy.

Ural Caspian .. \$1/ nom.

H.K. & W. Wharfe .. \$99 buy, 102 sel.

H.K. & W. Dept. .. \$40 nom.

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China Buses .. \$1.94 nom.

H.K. Tramways .. \$20.60 nom.

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Bank Bills, on demand .. 1/11 1/2

Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight ..

Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight ..

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Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight .. 2/0 13/16

ON PARIS ..

Bank Bills, on demand .. 1,220

Credit, 4 months' sight .. 1,295

ON NEW YORK ..

Bank Bills, on demand .. 47 1/2

Credit, at 60 days' sight .. 49 1/2

ON BOMBAY ..

Telegraphic Transfer ..

Bank Bills, on demand .. 132

ON CALCUTTA ..

Telegraphic Transfer ..

Bank Bills, on demand .. 132

ON SHANGHAI ..

Bank Bills, at sight .. nom.

Private, 30 days' sight .. nom.

ON YOKOHAMA ..

On demand .. 87 1/2

ON MANILA ..

On demand .. 85 1/2

ON SINGAPORE ..

On demand .. 85 1/2

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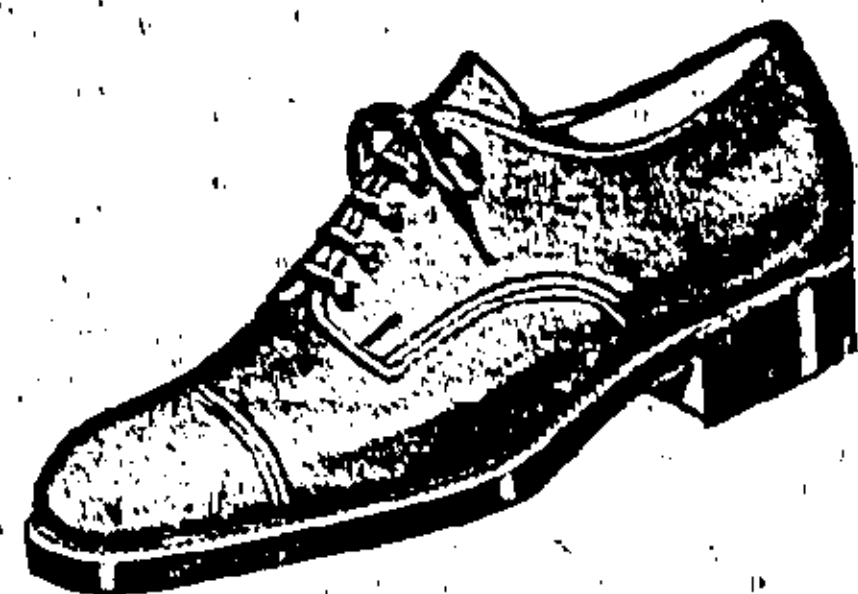
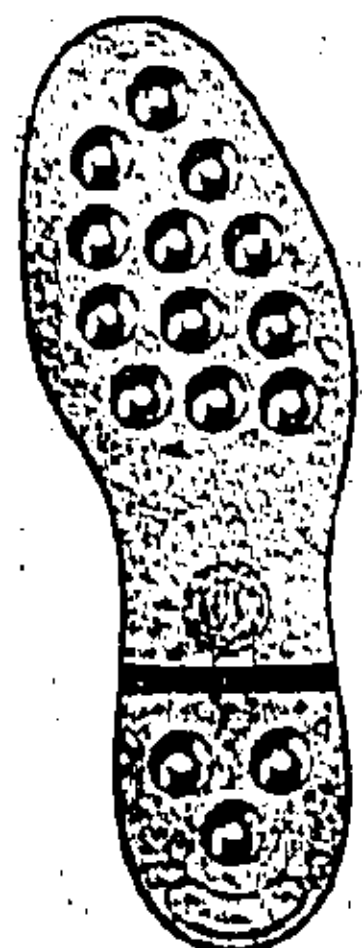
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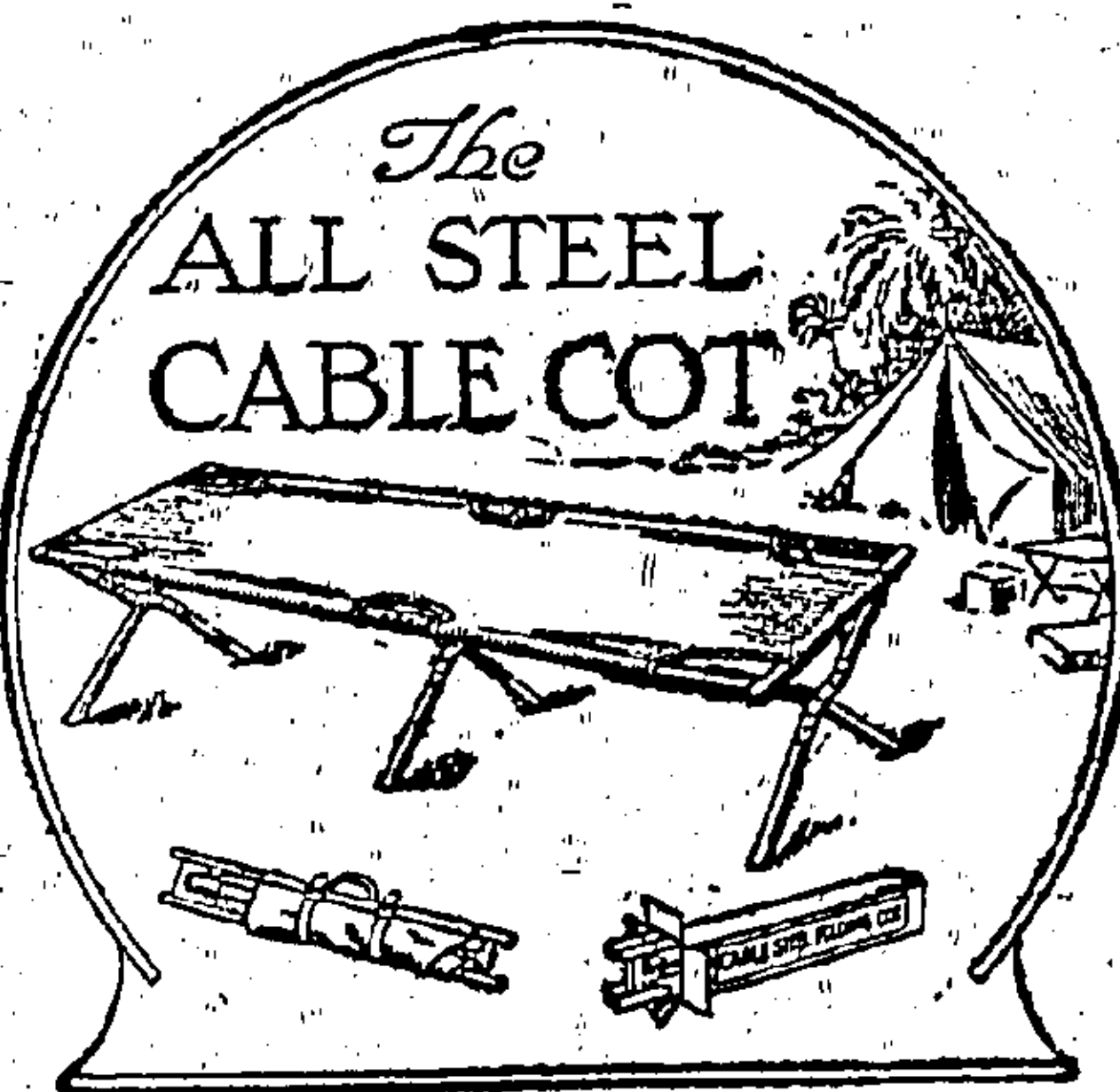
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## SANITARY BOARD ESTIMATES FOR 1928.

### ECONOMY KEPT IN MIND.

#### MR. BRAGA'S SUGGESTIONS AND CRITICISMS.

The only public business before the Sanitary Board meeting yesterday afternoon was the important matter of the report of the Committee appointed to consider the Estimates of the Sanitary Department for the year 1928. The Committee having in mind the urgent need for economy have decided not to recommend the provision of extra meat-vans for conveying pork from slaughter house to market but are completing the necessary fleet of motor refuse lorries. Special expenditure includes \$9,000 for a motor lorry and \$4,500 for fitting the lorries with solid tyres. "Other Charges" are put at \$10,850.

Those present were:—Mr. N. L. Smith (President), Dr. S. W. Tso, Mr. Wong Kwong Tin, Dr. S. C. Ho, Mr. J. P. Braga, Dr. J. C. McGown, Dr. G. W. Pope (M.O.H.), and Mr. D. Davies (Secretary).

#### ESTIMATES FOR 1928.

The report of the Committee appointed to consider the Estimates of the Sanitary Department for 1928 stated:—

We have again given the fullest consideration to the need for economy and have omitted a number of items of expenditure we should have included among our recommendations under more normal conditions.

Under Special Expenditure we have once more omitted the motor meat-vans which the Board has decided to be desirable for the conveyance of pork from slaughter-house to market, and the only additional motor vehicles recommended is a refuse-lorry which will complete the scheme for both sides of the harbour. We ask for a sum to fit solid tyres on 8 lorries now fitted with pneumatic tyres as this expenditure will pay for itself in upkeep in a few years and the pneumatics so available can be used departmentally.

No increases are recommended in staff except one clerk for head office and a tallyman for Matakok slaughter house; the new lorry will require a driver.

We favour the gradual introduction of water-flushed latrines and bath-houses from year to year and have accordingly recommended only two such buildings for each side although this programme could be greatly expanded were funds available.

The three markets which we mention are in our opinion the only which are urgently required at present.

The Inspector's quarters at Kennedy Town have been recommended for several years. The only other building recommended is a small house for sextons.

The report is signed by Mr. N. L. Smith, Mr. S. W. Tso, and Dr. J. C. McGown.

#### Public Works Extraordinary.

Under the above heading appear the following:—

MARKETS:—1, Saiyingpan; 2, Shamshui Extension; 3, Apichau.

LATRINES, etc.:—1, Latrine and bathhouse, Boundary Street, Shamshui; 2, Latrine and bathhouse, Lock Lane, Hinglung; 3, Latrine, Hollywood Road near Ladder Street; 4, 30 seat latrine, Davis Street.

OTHER BUILDINGS:—1, Quarters for 2 sextons at Sai Yu Shek cemetery; 2, Quarters for 2 Inspectors at Kennedy Town.

PERSONAL EMPLOYMENTS:—One clerk class II. for head office at \$2,800-\$2,800; 1 tallyman for Matakok at \$400; 1 motor driver (for lorry) at \$400.

SPECIAL EXPENDITURE:—1 motor refuse lorry, \$9,000. Fitting of solid tyres, \$4,500.

OTHER CHARGES include the following:—Advertisements, \$550; Coal for official quarters, \$800; Dust and water carts, \$2,000 (there was a reduction of carts owing to the introduction of motor transport); Motor lorries, vans and cars, running expenses, \$500 (for additional lorries); Paint, turpentine, etc., \$500 (due to transfer of barges to Harbour Department); Purchase and maintenance of bullocks, \$4,000 (there was a reduction of bullocks consequent on the introduction of motor transport); Rent of Quarters for Inspectors and Sanitary Offices, \$170 (the increase due to the renting of new quarters at a higher rental); Rent of Quarters for Scavenging Coolies, \$1,430 (the increase due to the renting of new quarters at a higher rental); Uniforms for staff, \$360 (on transfer of crews to Harbour Department); Animal depot and slaughter houses, incidental expenses, \$400 (the increase due to the feeding of greater number of dogs under observation for rabies at Kennedy Town and Matakok slaughter houses).

The total amount asked for under "other charges" was \$10,850.

#### MEMBERS' COMMENTS.

Mr. J. P. Braga, commenting upon the report of the sub-committee, described its two salient features as brevity and rigid economy. There was probably, he said, much to commend in the merits of both these features. On the other hand they could be carried too far.

For example, he continued, in the second paragraph the Board is informed that, owing to "the need for economy" the sub-committee has omitted a number of items of expenditure which they would have included among their recommendations under more normal conditions. What those items of expenditure are it is not stated. It would have been far more satisfactory for the information of the Board, if it should, I think, be left to the recommendation of the full Board whether the items that appealed to the sub-committee as advisable should be included in the estimates or left in abeyance until more prosperous times.

Paragraph 3 mentions the omission under "Special Expenditure" of a vote for the motor meat-vans "which the Board has decided to be desirable for the conveyance of pork from slaughter-house to market." Is the cost of the motor-van so prohibitive as to make it necessary to defer its provision for the present? In many things Hong Kong is held up with pride—and justly so—as a model Far Eastern city; but in other respects the Colony is at least a few years behind the times. It should be the endeavour of this Board to make the Sanitary Department as great a model as, for example, the roads are among those of the principal cities in the Far East. I hope, Sir, the Colony is not so impetuous that it cannot afford the price of a motor-van for the coming year.

#### New Markets.

In the matter of new markets I see that provision has been made for Saiyingpan, Shamshui Extension and Apichau, respectively. Permit me, Sir, to remind you of the undertaking to submit the question of a market for Kowloon Tong before the Board in good time for inclusion in 1928 Estimates. I hope I may be pardoned if I urge this question of the Kowloon Tong Market to the point of irksome reiteration. I am pledged to the Kowloon Tong residents to keep the subject constantly before the Board. In this connection I would like to lay stress on the letter from the Kowloon Tong "Subscribers' Association" dated the 10th inst. in which they advance the plea of urgency of a market for Kowloon Tong. In a minute addressed to you on the 18th inst. I pointed out that the Kowloon Tong Estate scheme was started to relieve the congestion in the City residential area. The subscribers to the Kowloon Tong Scheme joined it on the promise that they would be given all the public facilities of a township. I consider a market within the district as an important facility and its provision should attract greater numbers to reside within the Kowloon Tong Estate.

#### Central Market.

I am not satisfied that the sanitary condition of the Central Market is as it should be. I would like to urge the desirability of making provision for the more hygienic condition of the meat stalls. The wooden meat blocks, counter as well as, in my opinion, out of date and should be replaced by tables of a non-porous material, easily cleansed and that will not absorb dust and dirt. I suggest for your consideration, Sir, whether it would not be advisable, in the interest of public health, for the Board to recommend to the Government the adoption of tables with tops of porcelain enamel on rustless iron. It is claimed for these tables that dirt cannot lodge on them; they will not bend, break, or chip; they are made for everlasting use; and understand kitchen tables made of this material have been awarded the Certificate of the Institute of Hygiene. Their cost is not so high that the Government cannot afford to introduce them into the Central Market. At any rate, I trust, Sir, the Estimates Sub-Committee will see their way to submit this recommendation to Government, and leave it to the Legislative Council to decide upon its adoption or rejection. The present wooden partitions between the

stalls can also, with advantage, be improved. If my suggestions are adopted they will improve considerably the internal appearance of the Central Market and at the same time a more hygienic condition will be obtained. And if an improvement could be secured for the surface of the market floor so that water will not collect in pools as at present the attractiveness of the market may lead to its being better frequented by the womenfolk of the Colony. If the women of Hong Kong could be induced to make purchases in the market themselves, and rely less on the compradore system in vogue as the purchasing medium for the daily table necessities of every European household, greater satisfaction will be obtained and bazaar expenses reduced in the same ratio. In this respect, I would venture the opinion that given a more wholesome internal condition of our principal market European ladies would find greater inducement to visit it. It is only the least that is required. If a few among our lady social leaders could show the way others would follow.

#### Question of Staff.

In the matter of the Staff, it is not for me to offer any criticism; but I should like to be satisfied that the Medical Officer of Health, single-handed, can attend to all the duties required of him within and outside the office when the expansion of the Colony is proceeding apace. I wonder if the time has not arrived for the provisions of the Public Health Ordinance to be extended to apply to such places as New Kowloon and Kowloon City, so that market-gardens with their offensive and attendant dangers to the health of neighbouring communities could be placed within bounds of inspection by officers of the Sanitary Department.

In conclusion, Sir, I hope the observations I have offered on the Report of the Estimates Sub-Committee will be accepted, in the spirit they are tendered, i.e., one of helpfulness instead of critical obstruction.

#### THE CHAIRMAN'S REPLY.

In reply to Mr. Braga, the Chairman (Mr. N. L. Smith) said that the Committee had kept themselves strictly to their terms of reference and therefore some of the points raised by Mr. Braga did not arise out of the matter in hand the estimates for 1928. All these questions would, of course, come before the full board when the final recommendations were presented.

With regard to meat vans Mr. Braga did not seem to be quite aware of the position. They had four meat vans at present in use. A suggestion had been made to have another two and to extend the facilities now offered for the transport of beef to pork as well. The Committee thought, however, that they had better finish their programme of lorries for refuse collection before adding to the number of meat vans. These lorries were, he added, very expensive matters. He did not think this was the time to get further into the question of the Kowloon Tong Market. The matter was still under consideration and would be brought before the Board when the supplementary estimates were considered. As to the Central Market Mr. Braga's remarks would be referred to the Hon. Veterinary Officer. He thought porcelain top blocks would hardly do for chopping meat as they would turn the edges of the instruments. They might be provided in addition to the wooden blocks.

As to the question of Medical Officers of Health, they had already several assistants to the M.O.H. but such position were very difficult to fill. Kowloon City and New Kowloon came under the same health regulations as the rest of the Colony but the regulations were not so strictly enforced in the country district as in the thickly populated town areas.

#### DR. S. C. HO.

Dr. S. C. Ho said he would like to support the Kowloon Tong residents in their desire to be provided with a market for the district. The question of the sanitary condition of the Central Market was one upon which he had spoken to the M.O.H. informally and if anything could be done in the direction indicated by the last speaker he felt sure it would all be to the good of the residents and the greater credit of the Colony. There was one little point in the schedule of proposed votes that needed some explanation. He referred to the increases in the rent of quarters for Inspector and Sanitary offices and for quarters for scavenging coolies, respectively. The increases were \$170 and \$1,430, respectively. They were small items but the Board would be pleased to hear how these increases were justified when it was a matter of common knowledge that rents had been going down practically all over the Colony.

How much longer is the provision of motor meat-vans going to be deferred? he asked. "Surely, Hong Kong is not so hard-up that it can afford the price of one or two if the means of transporting the food supply of the Colony is going to be brought up to up-to-date requirements."

Touching upon the subject of street scavenging, Dr. Ho said he did not think the daily accumulation of refuse in the lane between the

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#### "HANOI" PIRACY SUSPECT.

##### ANOTHER REMAND GRANTED.

Another remand had been granted in the case in which a Chinese is held on charges arising from the piracy of the s.s. *Hanoi* on November last.

The accused was brought before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday, and in asking for a further remand of one week, Chief Det. Insp. Murphy said that the Police are endeavouring to find a certain person who could say that when the accused paid him a visit on the first occasion, he did not have the jewellery, and good clothes, which he had when paying a second visit a few days prior to his arrest.

The Inspector added that he thought that the Police had collected sufficient evidence to have the accused committed.

The Magistrate: Oh, yes; enough to send him before a jury.

The Inspector: Of course, if the papers from the French authorities arrive in the meantime we would have to alter the procedure.

His Worship granted a remand until 10 a.m., on Tuesday next.

China Building and the Queen's Theatre was too creditable. This refuse was removed at the luncheon hour—one of the busiest in this busy quarter of the City, and he hoped that this unsatisfactory system of scavenging would be promptly remedied.

Dr. Ho added in conclusion that as the meat vans were run entirely on the levels area would it not be possible to use Ford Vans. These would cost less than the heavy lorries now employed, which he suggested could be converted into refuse lorries.

The Chairman in reply, said that he could not give off hand the reasons for the increased rents. In one case, the police quarters at Sham Shai Po, they had got much better quarters, both as regards office and living accommodation. It would be a saving in the end because formerly they had carried out what should never have been tenants' repairs. With regard to the question of Ford Vans the matter had been gone into by motor experts, but he would see that Dr. Ho's suggestion was considered.

Dr. McGown: I think with regard to Ford vans we should support British industries even if it costs a few extra dollars.

Dr. Pope: I doubt if Ford vans would be up to carrying these very heavy carcasses.

The report was passed unanimously. This concluded the public business.

#### FINE OF \$10,000.

##### FOR POSSESSING ILLICIT OPIUM.

Pleading guilty to a charge of unlawful possession of 100 taels non-Government opium, a Chinese was fined \$10,000 or in default 12 months' hard labour by Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

The defendant was searched by Revenue Officers on the Kwong Leung Wharf after he had disembarked from a Wuchow steamer, and the opium was found concealed in his luggage.

#### NO SYMPATHY.

##### WIFE SEDUCER WHO WAS HIT WITH CHOPPER.

A Chinese who had a nasty gash with a chopper inflicted by another man some time ago sought the assistance of the Law, and the Police duly arrested the man who injured him.

The offender admitted the offence, but said that the reason why he hacked the complainant was because the man had enticed his wife away from him.

The Court then adjourned the case to find out whether the story was true, and at yesterday's hearing the trio were in Court. Asked by his Worship if it was true that he had aided and abetted the defendant's wife to run away, the complainant, with a wry face, said that all he did was to find lodging for the woman.

The Magistrate, Mr. R. E. Lindsell, to complainant: "You have no business to interfere between man and wife."

The woman told a story to the effect that her husband would not or could not support her and that was the reason why she went to another man. She also said that she had to earn her own living. The Magistrate told her that many wives have to do that and asked her if she was willing to return home. She said that if she did, she would be starved.

Mr. Lindsell said that she was the cause of all this trouble and asked why could not she shift for herself instead of getting another man to fend for her.

Addressing the accused the Magistrate said that he would not send him to gaol as he had been detained already for some time. He would be bound over in the sum of \$100 to come up for sentence if called upon.

Mr. Lindsell added: "He may have helped your wife to leave you but that does not justify you in using a chopper on him. If I have any more trouble from you, I shall send you to gaol. You will be sent to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs to see if you can come to some arrangement with your wife."

The complainant went out of the Court looking very disgusted.



## THE DIVISION IN THE KUOMINTANG.

## CANTON APPOINTMENTS.

MR. SUN FO'S QUANDARY.

## TWO EXPRESS TRAINS DAILY TO KOWLOON.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

In addition to rushing troops to the Kowloon districts, the "Red" authorities in Canton are sending reinforcements to the territory along the Chinese section of the Canton-Kowloon railway.

Upon hearing that M. Borodin had approved of Mr. Sun Fo's appointment of Mr. Chen Kim Yu as Canton Superintendent of the Telegraph Administration in place of Mr. Chen Hsi Cheng, General Chiang Kai Shek wired to the present holder of the office not to vacate his post. Mr. Sun Fo, as Minister of Reconstruction, now does not know what to do. According to the usual practice he should himself take the responsibility for making the appointment but with the Kuomintang divided, and one authority favouring an extremist and another a moderate he finds himself in a quandary.

The Commissioner of Agriculture and Labour in Canton, an adherent of the "extremist" party, recently ordered the closing down of the Dyers' Union. The General Labour Union, a "moderate" organisation has now demanded that the Union's sign-board should be restored to its former position. It is feared that there will be more street fighting if the Commissioner persists in suppressing Unions unfavourable to the Soviet Mission.

The "Reds" or followers of the "Prince" faction in Canton gained control of the Kuomintang Municipal Committee at the recent election. Now the "moderates" have started a movement to have the election annulled on the ground that some of the successful candidates had failed to register and are therefore technically unqualified to hold a seat on the Council.

Mr. Tai Chi Tao, until recently one of the extremist leaders of the Kuomintang, has wired to Canton denying that he has been to Japan secretly contracting loans for the Northern expedition.

Beginning in December, 1926, the Kwangtung Public Treasury was to appropriate \$600,000 monthly for the Provincial Army, now being organised. So far only \$350,000 has been made available for this purpose and the General Officer Commanding the new Army has complained to the Administrative Council that recruits have been obtained but that he is unable to train or equip them on account of lack of financial assistance.

On Sunday more than 6,000 merchants of Fatsien had a mass meeting to protest against the levy of the 2½ per cent. tax on parcels transmitted through the Chinese Post Office.

Since the inauguration of the anti-imperialist policy in territory under the Kuomintang rule and the exodus of many Europeans from the vicinity of Canton many cooks and "boys," formerly in foreign employment, have been left without jobs. They have applied to the Strike Committee for relief but it is not anticipated that they will get much satisfaction.

The Chinese Piece Goods Guild in Canton has protested against Labour Unions again trying to picket shops in the western section of the City. Several Unions have taken upon themselves the duty of inspecting goods to discover any of British origin and Union pickets have already made some seizures.

Girls working in several knitting factories in Canton stopped work on March 19th when forced to attend a reading class on Bolshevism. The girls protested that as they could neither read nor write the class was not of much use to them.

It is announced that two express trains will be run daily from Canton to Kowloon from April 1st. At present there is only one express train each day.

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## CENSORSHIP AT HANKOW.

## ALL FOREIGN MAILS TO BE EXAMINED.

## OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION.

An official message has been received from Hankow that the Nationalist Government has decided to censor all foreign mails incoming and outgoing addressed to private individuals, exception being made for all official correspondence clearly addressed to Consular Officers and Commanding Officers of men-of-war.

## IN SUPPORT OF CHIANG KAI SHEK.

## "MODERATES" BIG MEETING IN CANTON.

## CHIEF OF POLICE GIVES CAUTIOUS ADDRESS.

General Tang Yin Hua, Chief of Police at Canton, at a large gathering of labour leaders and Police officers held on Monday at the Sun Yat Sen University, criticized the introduction of Bolshevist doctrines to the Kuomintang programme. The Chief of Police did not wholeheartedly condemn Bolshevism, but regretted that certain members of the Kuomintang have forgotten the Three People's Doctrine and taken more "advanced" views.

The meeting was evidently very well attended and in the nature of a demonstration in support of General Chiang Kai Shek and against the Hankow extremists.

Both the numbers present and the address, cautious though it was, of the Chief of Police, gave the meeting political significance and shows the strength of the moderate party in Canton.

Resolutions were passed upholding the result of the last election of Commissioners held by the Canton Kuomintang in which the extremists were defeated, and it also declared as "illegal" the new election held by the Central Kuomintang in Hankow.

Plenty of "enthusiasm" enlivened the proceedings, slogans and catchwords being shouted. In this manner it was proclaimed that: "Marshal Chiang Kai Shek is still the Leader of the Kuomintang" and "All members of the Party should support him." Other cries affirmed that the principles of the late Dr. Sun were the true principles of the Kuomintang, and the "bogus Reds" should be overthrown and kicked out of the party. "Down with Communism" and "Down with the Reds" were repeatedly heard.

Chiang Kai Shek's Warning. Marshal Chiang Kai Shek has telegraphed, it is reported, to General Chien Ta Chun, the Garrison Commander in Canton, ordering him not to leave for the East River as was previously ordered, but to stay in Canton, as the "Reds" will possibly try to regain power in the Southern Capital.

Foreign Schools to Close? Students of Hackett Medical College for Women, at the Western Suburb of Canton, are asking their school authorities to register the College under Kuomintang rules before April 1st, by which date all private schools have been ordered to file their applications for registration. It is understood that the College may be closed down for the time being as the American Presbyterian Mission does not see its way to comply with the Kuomintang regulations which, among other things, forbids religious instruction in schools. It is quite possible that all schools under foreign management in Canton will close after April 1st and remain closed while the Kuomintang holds power.

A kind of limited jury system is to be introduced into Canton by the present Kuomintang Judicial Commission. Leading organizations of the city will be asked to nominate one to four representatives to serve as jurors in certain cases before the local courts. The Judicial Commission have also ordered the reduction of court-costs in civil cases.

The Shamoon authorities have prohibited meetings or the issue of any publication without permission; Chinese employed by the Municipal Police will have to provide a guarantee for their good behaviour; and persons found in possession of arms and dangerous articles will be severely punished, according to special orders given out last Sunday.

The Kuomintang Ministry of Finance in Canton have issued a special regulation requiring all shipment of bar silver from one Customs port to another to be subject to permit and inspection. The enforcement of the regulations will be in the hands of the Customs authorities of territory under Kuomintang jurisdiction.

## ALLEGED BRIBING OF POLICE.

## CHINESE DEFENDANT ACQUITTED AT SESSIONS.

## MISUNDERSTANDING OF CANTONESE DIALECT.

A successful defence was made at the Criminal Sessions yesterday in a case in which a Chinese was charged with offering and giving a bribe of \$50 to a police officer. The plea was that the police officer (an Indian Lance-Sergeant) misunderstood the defendant, who spoke Cantonese with a Sunning accent.

The defendant, Wong Chih San, pleaded "Not guilty." When the case was called it was found that the principal witness, the Indian Lance-Sergeant, who had arrested the defendant on February 25th for being in possession of other than Government, was missing.

The Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp, K.C. (the Attorney-General) who prosecuted, asked for an adjournment, which was strongly opposed by Mr. F. C. Jenkin (instructed by Mr. Davidson) who appeared for the defence.

His Lordship (Mr. Justice J. R. Wood, acting Chief Justice) adjourned the case until the afternoon, stating that if the witness was not then present he would discharge the prisoner.

When the case was again called in the afternoon, the Attorney-General said the missing witness was now present. He understood that the witness would say that he was told that the case would be heard on the 25th inst.

His Lordship said he would ask the witness for his explanation in the witness-box later.

Case Outlined.

Opening the case for the Crown, the Attorney-General said that on February 25th at about 8.45 p.m. an Indian Lance-Sergeant was on duty in Connaught Road West, east of the Eastern Market, when he saw two Chinese walking along eastward. They seemed to wish to avoid him so he stopped and searched them. On defendant were a small box and a small horn opium pot. The sergeant asked defendant for the key of the box, but the latter said, so far as the sergeant could understand, that the key was at his office. The sergeant took defendant to No. 7 Police Station and on the way there, the defendant produced some papers from his pocket which he put into the sergeant's hand. A conversation ensued, in the course of which the defendant told the police officer that he had a small quantity of opium, two taels. The papers when opened at the police station were found to be three \$10 notes. On defendant was a bunch of keys, one of which fitted the lock of the box in question. The opium was not Government prepared opium.

The Attorney-General argued that it was clear that the defendant knew it was an offence to be in possession of smuggled opium. The \$30 was obviously intended as a bribe to the Indian to let him go. When charged at the police station, the defendant replied that he did not know the regulation.

Evidence Called.

Evidence was then called: The Indian Lance-Sergeant, who made the arrest, said in answer to his Lordship that he was absent that morning because he was told the case would be heard on the 25th inst.

His Lordship directed that the matter be brought to the notice of the C.S.P.

The Indian Lance-Sergeant gave evidence in corroboration of the Attorney-General's opening, and in reply to Mr. Jenkin said that although he had been anything had been pressed into his hand in the manner described.

Witness denied that he told prisoner that the matter would be settled at the police station, and the prisoner did not ask him what was going to happen.

Closely examined by Mr. Jenkin as to when he obtained his certificate in Chinese, witness said that he understood the prisoner perfectly well, and the prisoner understood him.

His Lordship decided that this test should be held over until the prisoner went into the witness-box. Witness denied that he told prisoner the fine would be fixed at the police station, or that \$50 would be maximum fine for possession of opium.

The Dialect. Sub-Inspector S. Logan, who was in charge of No. 7 Police Station on the night in question, gave evidence of the prisoner being brought into the station, and replying to Mr. Jenkin, said he knew of no police regulations which forbade an Indian constable to search a Chinese whom he suspected of carrying arms or contraband.

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## ALLEGED DISTILLERY OFFENCES.

## DIFFICULT CASE AT KOWLOON.

## SERIOUS CHARGES AGAINST PROPRIETOR.

The case in which the proprietor of the Tung Mei Yuen, wine distillers, of Cheung Sha Wan, is summoned on four charges came up for hearing before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday afternoon.

Mr. J. D. Lloyd, superintendent of the Import and Export Office prosecuted and Mr. M. K. Lo defended.

Mr. Lloyd said that the chief charge against defendant was that the distillery failed to give the correct returns on the weekly production of wines to the authorities. There were four charges in all, the second being that defendant had used revenue labels, which had apparently been used before. Two minor charges, were in connection failing to keep the stock books required by Ordinance.

Two different wines were produced by the defendant's distillery, Mr. Sheung Ching and Sam Ching. The two were made in the same way, but there is a difference in their strength. In most distilleries when the spirit is found to be too strong, it is broken down with water, but in some distilleries rice is used. Mr. Lloyd then described the method of making the wines.

Revenue Officers' Search. On March 5th, a search was made at the distillery and Mr. Taylor found that with the exception of about three hundred casks, the rice spirit was much stronger than it should have been. No stock book could be produced and the actual stock of wines at the time far exceeded the production, which the distillery had registered at the Import and Export Office.

Mr. Taylor then noticed that the labels on the jars of wines were extremely dirty and as if they had been used before. On examination, they were found to be moist, whereas they should have been dry and stiff. The numbers of the labels were then checked with those from the Office and were found to be labels that had been issued to the defendant's distillery for six jars of Sheung Ching and ten jars of Sam Ching some time before the day of the search. The labels were issued in numerical order and Mr. Lloyd knew after the examination that the labels must have been re-used.

Old Labels Found.

On the early morning of March 8th a Chinese who was seen to leave a certain shop was followed by a senior Chinese revenue officer, to the wharf near which a junk belonging to the distillery was anchored. He was stopped and inside his socks a packet of labels was found. These labels had been removed from jars and had been used once already. They were issued to the distillery and were dated February 8th.

Then there was the question of passes, which a distillery always handed to their customers on delivery of their wines. At the distillery were found passes which far exceeded the number registered at the Office for the distillery, proving, Mr. Lloyd concluded, that the production at the distillery was far more than that returned to the Office.

## PROFESSOR LANGSNER AT MANILA.

## CLEARING UP TROUBLE WITH AUTHORITIES.

Professor Adolf Maximilian Langsner, the Vienna psychologist, was fined 50 pesos last week in Manila by Judge Harvey on the charge of illegal possession of firearms. The court also ordered confiscation of his Iver-Johnson revolver and ammunition.

The motion of the city fiscal's office to dismiss the case for illegal practice of medicine against the Professor, will be favourably acted on by Judge Concepcion only after the Professor has deposited in court the 50 pesos collected as fees from his patient, Jose Roxas.

A sergeant interpreter who took statements from the prisoner said, in reply to his Lordship, that prisoner spoke Cantonese with a Sunning accent.

The Defence. Prisoner, in the witness-box, said he was an elder from the Sunning district. He gave evidence supporting the line taken by his counsel.

The defence was to the effect that the constable told prisoner that he would be fined for possession of the opium, and that prisoner asked the constable how much the fine would be. The constable seemed to have difficulty in understanding him, and prisoner produced \$30 for the purpose of demonstrating what he wanted to know. This action was mistaken for a bribe. He did not intend it as a bribe.

Mrs. Jenkin, for the defence, urged that the man's Sunning dialect caused a misunderstanding.

The jury, after a brief retirement, returned a verdict of "Not guilty."

## STOLEN PROPERTY ON MESSRS. SASSOON'S PREMISES.

## CONNECTION WITH BURGLARY AT POWELL'S AND COMPANY.

## TWO MEN IN CUSTODY.

Acting on information received, the Police raided the upper floor of the premises occupied by Messrs. E. D. Sassoon & Co. at No. 2A, Des Voeux Road Central, and in a room occupied by an office boy stolen property was found. The boy and two others were taken into custody.

The premises raided are next door to Messrs. William Powell's where a burglary was committed during last week and. Some of the goods found were shoes, ladies' underwear, stockings and pullovers. Suspecting that these goods had some connection with the burglary at that store, representatives of William Powell's were sent for to identify the property seized.

On enquiries made later in the afternoon, our representative was informed that only property worth about \$50 had been recovered by Messrs. Powell's. This information, cast some doubt on the connection with the burglary as the articles could have been stolen from this or other stores in town by Chinese employees.

The raid was carried out at about 3 p.m. on Monday. The boy employed in the Compradore department of Sassoon's and in whose room the goods were recovered from giving a satisfactory explanation. The two other men are still in custody. One of them is an ex-employee of Messrs. Powell's.

## PROPERTY SALE.

## GROUND AND BUILDINGS AT CAUSEWAY BAY.

At the China Auction Rooms yesterday afternoon, Mr. E. V. M. R. de Sousa sold, by order the mortgagee, leasehold property at Causeway Bay, with buildings thereon, known as Nos. 44, 45, 46, 47 and 48, Tanglowan Street.

The property is held under conditions of sale registered in the Land Office for the term of 75 years from May 22nd, 1922, which an option of renewal for a further term of 75 years subject to the payment of the rent and observance of the terms and conditions contained in the conditions of sale.

The annual Crown rent is \$165, and the total area is 15,998.8 square feet. The property was sold in two lots, one lot consisting of land and buildings thereon, and the other lot of vacant land.

In respect of the first lot, the upset price was \$15,000, with bids of \$200 acceptable. Mr. Pun Chik became the purchaser for \$15,200.

In respect of the second lot, the upset price was \$10,000, and after one further bid of \$200, Mr. Pun Chik also became the purchaser.

## WHAT ARE WATER CHESTNUTS?

## COURT HAS TO FIND OUT.

Whether water chestnuts should come under the category of fruit or vegetable was discussed in Court yesterday when a Chinese hawker was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindell, at the Central Magistrate, with selling vegetables without a license.

Defendant contended that he was not selling vegetables but water chestnuts, which he said are fruit. He said that in that vicinity there were many stalls with fruit licences selling water chestnuts.

Sergeant Dixon, prosecuting, said that there were nine stalls in Cross Street where water chestnuts were being sold. Of these nine stalls, six have vegetable licences. He had asked some of his friends in the Sanitary Department whether water chestnut is a fruit or vegetable and was told that they were fruits because they could be eaten raw. Sergeant Dixon suggested that even carrots could be eaten raw, but they were not fruit.

His Worship:—So could mangle wuzels. The chestnut is undoubtedly a fruit because it grows on trees, but I don't know if water chestnuts grow on trees.

The case is adjourned until the right category could be found for water chestnuts.

## INVITATION TO SEE A WHIPPING.

For carrying 685 Po Pui lottery tickets, a Chinese boy was sentenced by Mr. R. E. Lindell, at the Central Magistrate, yesterday, to 10 strokes of the birch.

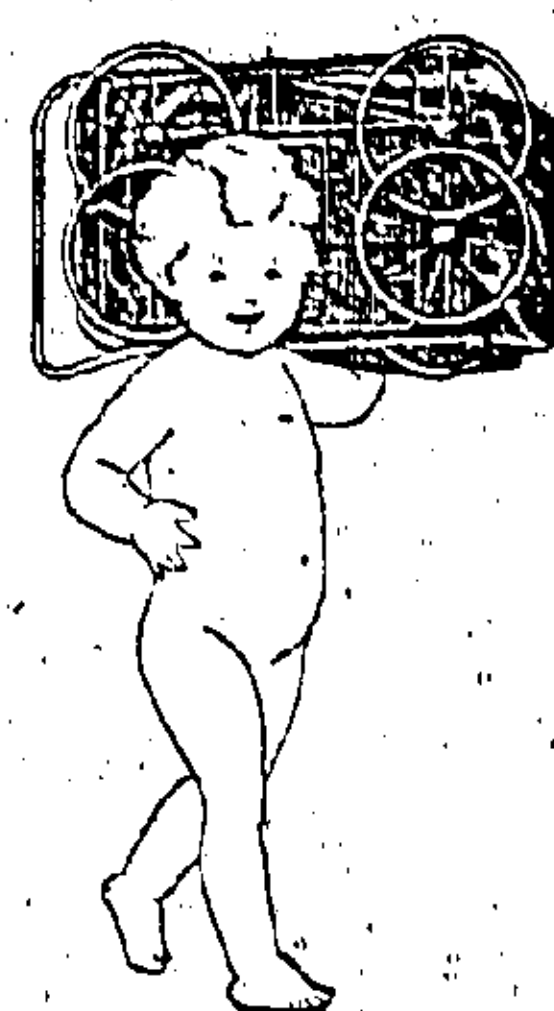
As the boy was being led out of Court, a woman, who was sitting at the back, shouted how:—"How much is he fined?"

His Worship:—Are you his mother?

The Woman:—No; but I am a near relation.

His Worship:—He is going to be caned for carrying Po Pui tickets. You can see the beating if you wish.

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Capt. Supt. of Police,  
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G. W. SEWELL,  
Hon. Secretary & Treasurer.  
[4721]

## HONG KONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the above Association has been POSTPONED to FRIDAY, APRIL 1st, 1927, at 5.30 P.M.

By Order,  
G. E. OPSDELL,  
Hon. Secretary.  
[4719]

## GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LIMITED.

THE 35th ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, St. George's Building, CHATER ROAD, Victoria, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 30th DAY of MARCH, 1927, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the Year ended 31st December, 1926.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED on TUESDAY, the 28th MARCH, 1927, until WEDNESDAY, the 30th MARCH, 1927, Both Days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,  
General Managers.  
Hong Kong, 17th March, 1927. [4661]

## THE CHINA LIGHT &amp; POWER COMPANY (1918), LIMITED.

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Hong Kong, 7th March, 1927. [4638]

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By Order of the Board of Directors,  
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the HONGKONG ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held in the Office of Messrs. SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., St. George's Building, CHATER ROAD, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 29th DAY of MARCH, 1927, at 11.30 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended on the 31st DECEMBER, 1926, and of electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 23rd MARCH, 1927, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
S. COURTNEY COOK,  
Secretary.  
Hong Kong, 8th March 1927. [4653]

## THE BANK OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Head Office, No. 6, DES VOUEX ROAD, CENTRAL, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 29th MARCH, 1927, at 2.30 P.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1926.

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## INTIMATIONS.

## HONGKONG ENGINEERING &amp; CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.

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S. COURTNEY COOK,  
Secretary.  
Hong Kong, 8th March 1927. [4653]

## A. S. WATSON &amp; CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the COMPANY (since its registration) will be held at the Home KONG, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 25th MARCH, 1927, at 11 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st OCTOBER, 1926.

THE REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 16th DAY of MARCH, 1927, to the 23rd DAY of MARCH, 1927, Both Days inclusive, during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
General Managers.  
Hong Kong, 14th March, 1927. [4674]

## THE DAIRY FARM, ICE &amp; COLD STORAGE CO., LTD.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, on SATURDAY, 26th MARCH, 1927, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, including a Dividend and re-electing Directors and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 23rd MARCH, 1927, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
J. D. THOMSON,  
Acting Secretary.  
Hong Kong, 11th March, 1927. [4672]

## THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, St. George's Building, CHATER ROAD, Victoria, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, the 28th MARCH, 1927, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the Year ended 31st December, 1926.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED on TUESDAY, the 28th MARCH, 1927, until WEDNESDAY, the 30th MARCH, 1927, Both Days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,  
General Managers,  
Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.,  
Hong Kong, 7th March, 1927. [4638]

## THE HONG KONG &amp; WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, 5, QUEEN'S BUILDINGS, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, 27th MARCH, 1927, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st December, 1926.

THE SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 23rd MARCH, 1927, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
R. M. DYER,  
Chief Manager.  
Hong Kong, 18th March, 1927. [4684]

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By Order of the Board,  
S. COURTNEY COOK,  
Secretary.  
Hong Kong, 8th March 1927. [4653]

## INTIMATIONS.

## THE BRITISH LEGION.

## HONG KONG &amp; CHINA BRANCH.

THE 6th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held at 4.15 P.M. on THURSDAY, 31st INSTANT, in the Board Room of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.

To receive the Report and Accounts for the Year 1926.

To elect Officers.

R. E. CABLE,  
Hon. Secretary & Treasurer.  
[4705]

## HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (Weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 26th MARCH, 1927, commencing at 2.15 P.M. The First Bell will be rung at 1.50 P.M.

The Charge for Admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1.00 for all Persons including Ladies, Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform Half Price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain Admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each Member has the right to introduce 2 Non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. LINTHARD & DAVIS at \$3.00 each up to FRIDAY, 25th MARCH.

The Charge for Admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2.00. Each Member can obtain, upon application to the SECRETARY, Badges for Admission of 2 Ladies Free of Charge.

By Order of the Board,  
LOOK POONG SEAN,  
Chief Manager.  
Hong Kong, 7th March, 1927. [4645]

## DENISON, RAM &amp; GIBBS.

M. R. A. RAM Retires from This Firm on 31st MARCH, 1927, and will have No Interest Nor Responsibility in Any Work done by the Firm After That Date. The Business will be carried on under the Name of DENISON, RAM & GIBBS by Messrs. L. GIBBS and E. F. R. SAMPLE.

DENISON, RAM & GIBBS.  
[4702]

## FANLING HUNT RACES.

SATURDAY, 25th APRIL, 1927.

ENTRIES for the STEEPCHASE MEETING at KWANTAI RACE COURSE CLOSE ON MONDAY, 27th MARCH, at 4 P.M. Entries for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 140th, 141st, 142nd, 143rd, 144th, 145th, 146th, 147th, 148th, 149th, 150th, 151st, 152nd, 153rd, 154th, 155th, 156th, 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## UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS TO BREAK INTO SHANGHAI SETTLEMENT.

### FIGHTING BETWEEN BRITISH AND CHINESE TROOPS.

SEVERAL CHINESE KILLED: TWO OF THE DURHAMS WOUNDED.

### WILD SCENES IN THE NATIVE QUARTERS.

MANY THOUSANDS INVOLVED IN THE GENERAL STRIKE.

SERIOUS STATE OF AFFAIRS AT HANKOW. FOREIGN BANKS CLOSE.

The news from Shanghai points to a situation there of the utmost gravity. The general strike has paralysed all business in the Settlements.

Several unsuccessful attempts have been made by the Shantung troops, thousands of whom have been left stranded in native quarters contiguous to the Foreign Settlements, to get past the defence cordon. Fighting took place between British and Chinese troops, in which several Chinese were killed and two of the Durham Regiment wounded.

Lurid stories are told of outrages committed by Chinese troops in the native quarters near Shanghai's Settlements.

At Hankow the state of affairs seems to be going from bad to worse. The strikers having again become extremely troublesome, the Foreign Banks have found it necessary to close their premises.

### FIGHTING BETWEEN CHINESE AND BRITISH TROOPS.

FOLLOWS ATTEMPTS TO BREAK INTO SETTLEMENT.

SHANTUNG TROOPS UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORTS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, March 22nd. Several efforts by the Shantung troops to break through the Settlement Defence Cordon this afternoon were defeated. Numbers of Shantung troops were disarmed and allowed to enter the Settlement. In various clashes, several of the Shantung troops were killed and wounded. Two of the Durhams were wounded.

### FIGHTING STILL PROCEEDING NEAR SHANGHAI.

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE.]

SHANGHAI, March 22nd. Severe fighting is still continuing to the North of Shanghai.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Further Details.

RUGBY, March 21st. The advance troops of the Southern Nationalists reached Shanghai today and Press telegrams report a tense situation. Business is temporarily at a standstill; workers have left their occupations and the Settlement police have had to clear the streets of Chinese crowds. The barriers of the Settlement are closed and foreigners are remaining within its boundaries, along which defence force troops are posted.

A large force of United States Marines landed in the Settlement today and British, Dutch, Italian and Spanish naval vessels also landed parties at the request of the Municipality.

The Chinese city is reported as in a ferment. The Municipal Council has issued a proclamation declaring a "State of Emergency" and stating that all the powers at their command will be used to preserve peace and good order.

### BUSINESS AT A STANDSTILL.

TERRIBLE ORGY IN CHINESE NATIVE QUARTERS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, March 22nd. This morning there were 150,000 strikers and business is at a standstill. On the surface, the Foreign Settlements are quiet, thanks alone to the presence of the foreign forces, but there is an orgy of looting, raping, murder and wild fighting going on in the Chinese City and in Chapei, where there are thousands of officerless Shantung troops. The Nationalist forces have not yet arrived in force, but advance units are awaiting the main body, which are not far off. The British defence line is quiet.

### STUDENTS SUSPEND STUDY.

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE.]

SHANGHAI, March 22nd. The Student Union in Shanghai has declared "a general stoppage of study" in order to enable all students to undertake propaganda work.

## WHAT HUNAN "REDS" WANT.

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE.]

SHANGHAI, March 22nd. The City Kuomintang of Changsha, the capital of Hunan, has sent a circular telegram to all provinces under the Nationalist régime and also to General Chiang Kai Shek asking for support of the Joint Conference at Hankow, to retain Mr. Borodin, welcome Mr. Wang Ching Wei to return to power and to root out all undesirable elements who appear to conspire with the "Imperialists" and the Fengtien party.

### THE POSITION AT CHENGCHOW.

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE.]

SHANGHAI, March 22nd. On the 21st inst., some of General Chin Yun Ao's troops attempted to retake Chengchow but were repulsed by the Fengtienese.

### THE "SUPREME POWER."

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE.]

SHANGHAI, March 22nd. All foreign concessions in Shanghai have been placed under strict martial law and General Duncan is entrusted with supreme power.

### STRIKERS ACTIVE AT HANKOW.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, March 22nd. A telegram from Hankow, dated the 21st instant, states that all the Chinese employees at the foreign banks struck this morning. The banks were picketed by strikers who threatened to shut off the food supplies of the staffs of the foreign banks and make the servants leave their posts.

Workers at the Water Works and the Electric Company have joined the general strike, but their places have been taken by "White" Russians.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

All Foreign Banks Closed at Hankow.

HANKOW, March 21st. Owing to the strike of the Chinese staffs, the whole of the British and foreign banks have closed, and will remain closed until a satisfactory settlement has been concluded.

### EFFECT OF CHANGCHOW'S FALL.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

NANKING, March 21st. Changchow has been taken by the Southerners and the Northerners are retreating up the Nanking-Shanghai Railway. Women and children have been advised to evacuate to Shanghai by the next boat.

### SOOCHOW OCCUPIED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, March 22nd. The evacuation of women and children at Nanking has begun. The Southerners have occupied Soochow. Evacuation of Women and Children.

SHANGHAI, March 21st. The evacuation of foreign women and children from Nanking began at daylight today.

### 20,000 NORTHERN TROOPS CROSS NORTH BANK OF YANGTSE.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

CHINKIANG, March 21st. During the last few days over 20,000 of "Marshall Sun" Chuan Fang's troops have crossed to the north bank of the Yangtze. Southern forces are expected to occupy Chinkiang this evening.

Some of Sun's troops have been cut off at Changchow, and have demanded neutrality. They will probably cross to the north bank. A darkened ship passed Silver Island up river at high speed at 1.45 a.m. and it was fired on by the forts, which are garrisoned by Sun's forces.

All foreign women and children have been warned to leave for Shanghai on the next boat going down river.

### A YANGTSE MYSTERY.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

WUHU, March 21st. The discussion of the *Kaituo* case continues.

A launch, which is said to have been carrying a Colonel, his wife, family and retinue has been found wrecked? Twelve bodies have been recovered with a quantity of baggage. The launch is to be drawn up on the slip on the opposite side of the river to the town. Further bodies have since been recovered.

The situation locally is quiet. The above message is mutilated, and in the form received, does not indicate the exact nature of the mishap to the launch.

## RUSSIAN BOLSHIEVICS AND THE FALL OF SHANGHAI.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Moscow, March 21st. According to an official News Agency the news of the capture of Shanghai, published in special editions, aroused jubilant demonstrations in the mills and factories of the principal towns. The Government organ, *Izvestia*, says that the fall opens up a new page in the relations of China and the Powers. The latter have now to abandon their policy of procrastination and choose between an agreement with or a struggle against the National Revolutionary movement.

### LONDON PRESS COMMENT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 22nd. Graphic stories of the fall of Shanghai are featured in to-day's papers, nearly all of which comment on the importance of the event.

The *Daily Telegraph* says the worst has happened in Shanghai and for the worst the British Government, to their lasting honour, was prepared. The opinion is expressed that as for the future much depends on the attitude of Chiang Kai Shek and the influence he will be able to wield. The newspaper declares that Shanghai will not produce a tael for him or anyone until order is restored and the foreign trading community is enabled to resume their activities. The problems of diplomacy can wait until the security of their lives is ensured.

The *Morning Post* regrets that there is no unified authority on the international side, but hopes that all the Governments are agreed that nothing can be gained by pusillanimity and everything by resolution. The *Daily Herald* (Labour) does not comment, although it gives prominence to the Shanghai news.

The *Daily Mail* is of opinion that as long as British lives and property are not assailed, it will not be our concern as to what contending forces do, although anything weakening or impoverishing China and the Chinese will be regrettable. The *Western Gazette* says that the fall of Shanghai brings face to face the necessity of carrying out Sir Austen Chamberlain's policy. The attitude of the Nationalists and the British forces has up to the present been correct, but it is imperative that we should endeavour to come to an agreement with the Nationalists at the earliest moment.

The *Daily News* hopes that the incidents reported will not be taken too tragically and will not be allowed to become a cause of war or develop usually and incidentally from sporadic occurrences into a general armed mix-up. The newspaper emphasises the conciliatory nature of British policy and points out that it is obviously in the Chinese interest to prevent attack on the Foreign Settlements. It asks if the Municipal Council has framed a policy for friendly discussion with the Cantonese Government and, if so, does it accord with the British standpoint. Its continued silence on a subject of vital moment to China and the world is not one of the most reassuring factors of the present situation.

[THROUGH HAVAS AGENCY.]

Paris, March 22nd. *Le Matin* thinks that nothing enables one to assert that Chiang Kai Shek will commit the weighty error of compromising his resounding success by a coup. . . . France thinks the time may be coming now for her to act and negotiate.

### DEVONS LEAVE.

GENERAL HOSPITAL UNITS ALSO LEAVE BY S.S. "HERMINIUS."

As previously stated, the 1st Devonshire Regiment have been ordered to Shanghai, where they will join the 14th Brigade, of which they form part, and of which the other units are already in the Northern port.

The Devons, according to plan, embarked on the Blue Funnel s.s. *Herminius* yesterday afternoon. In addition to this Battalion, half of a general hospital also embarked on the troopship for the North.

### BRITAIN'S CONCESSIONS POLICY.

QUESTIONS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 21st. In the House of Commons, Mr. Howard Bury asked whether, in view of the recent developments at Hankow and the protests from Peking, the Government would consider the advisability of adopting a policy similar to Japan, which stated that it does not intend returning concessions in the present unpromising circumstances.

Mr. G. Locker-Lampson said that the Government did not intend to go back on their proposals regarding the Concessions, which it had communicated to Peking and Hankow in January after careful examination.

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## THE CONCESSIONS AT HANKOW.

### FRENCH AND JAPANESE ATTITUDE.

WAITING FOR STABLE GOVERNMENT IN CHINA.

[Asiatic News Service.]

PEKING, March 11th. With reference to the demand of the Kuomintang Government at Hankow for the retrocession of the Japanese and French concessions after the methods of the British concession, the *Yishihao* reports that Japan and France will not discuss the restoration of their concessions to China until a stable administration has been established in Peking with the support of all the provinces when the Paris and Tokyo governments will bring up the question for discussion with the proper Chinese authorities voluntarily.

### Kerosene Tax at Tientsin.

[Asiatic News Service.]

TIENTSIN, March 11th. The British Consul-General at Tientsin has protested to the Chinese authorities against the imposition of special consumption tax on kerosene in addition to the usual customs duties. But General Chu Yu Pu, Tapan of Chihli, has turned down the British protest on the ground that he is paid by the Chinese merchants in the form of revenue stamps. He argues that the 5 per cent. imposition for the metropolitan province will not affect British firms.

### AN APPOINTMENT.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER-SHIP OF AUSTRALIA.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SYDNEY, March 22nd. Major-General Sir Grayville Ryrie has been appointed High Commissioner of Australia in London, in succession to Sir Joseph Cook, who is retiring.

### U.S. ASIATIC FLEET.

ADMIRAL WILLIAMS' SUCCESSOR.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, March 22nd. Rear-Admiral Mark L. Bristol, at present High Commissioner at Constantinople, will succeed Admiral Williams in command of the Asiatic Fleet on the latter's retirement in autumn on attaining the age limit. An Ambassador will be sent to Turkey.

### U.S. COTTON MARKET.

OFFICIAL CROP ESTIMATE CAUSES SURPRISE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, March 21st. The Department of Commerce, in an announcement of the cotton crop of 1926, has finally placed it at the unexpected low figure of 17,910,000 bales. This has surprised the trade and there has been a frenzied outburst of buying followed in the pit by the largest throng seen there for months, trying to cover. Prices advanced from 26 to 54 points. The news that the home and foreign trade were buying were also factors. Later private estimates of a larger Indian crop checked the demand, and the market closed from 32 to 38 points higher on the day.

### THE ROYAL TOUR.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Wellington, March 22nd. The Duke and Duchess of York have sailed for Australia.

Replying to Mr. E. Thurtle (Labour) regarding the foundation of statements concerning Japanese policy, Mr. Locker-Lampson said that information received from Japan showed a great deal of divergence. He believed that as a matter of fact, the Japanese Consul General at Hankow was prepared to sign a similar agreement to ourselves.

Mr. H. W. Looker suggested the deferment of further negotiations to the Nationalists, as the latter had failed to respect British rights and to restrain their followers from acts of violence, notably at Wuhu and Ningpo.

Mr. G. Locker-Lampson pointed out that Wuhu and Ningpo were not British Concessions but that the Government would do its best to protect British rights wherever attacked. He added that the same measures would be afforded British subjects at Hankow and Kiukiang as at other Treaty ports.

## THE QUESTION OF DISARMAMENT.

STATEMENT BY THE FIRST LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY.

LABOUR AMENDMENT REJECTED.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, March 21st. In the course of the debate, in the House of Commons on the Navy Estimates, Mr. W. O. Bridgeman, First Lord of the Admiralty, repudiated the suggestion that the Government only gave a qualified acceptance to President Coolidge's invitation to discuss further limitation and to join in the discussion of naval ratios. The British Government's answer was that they would like the discussion to be much wider and that every subject which might lead to limitation of armaments and saving of expense should be considered at the Conference. So far from qualifying our acceptance, he continued, we widened the invitation, and he was glad to say that President Coolidge accepted our suggestion that the Conference should be an open one, in which any country represented could discuss any method which they thought might reduce armaments. The Disarmament Conference was one in which not more than five Powers would take part, and possibly not more than three. He hoped that all interested would be there. That conference would now mean something for all of the countries concerned. What it might do—and he hoped would do—was to make it easier for other countries to follow suit and come to some more general agreement. I think, proceeded Mr. Bridgeman, that we shall be able to put forward proposals which will be, at any rate, worthy of consideration. I am not going to accept any formula for abolishing all battleships and submarines. I am not going to accept any formula except this, that subject to consideration this country stands in a perfectly unique position, in that we are dependent for our very existence on the freedom of the seas. We shall be prepared to consider with every desire to come to an agreement any proposals that may be made for limitation of armaments acceptable by other powers. This is a question of relativity. They standard of battleships is relative to smaller vessels, which could attack them and relative to what other countries possess. We are not prepared to say straight away, without considering what any other country is going to do, that we can abate the obligation laid upon us to be in position to defend this country in case there is any attempt made to cut off our foodstuffs. He did not yield to anyone in the desire for peace, but it must be peace which left us without anxiety and an agreement where in other countries realised our difficulties and we realised theirs. He hoped the result of the conference would be to take a considerable step forward, and he assured the House that while safeguarding the position of this country and Empire, there was no proposition which any country might bring forward to limit armaments in the future which the British Government would not consider.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

The Labourite View.

LONDON, March 21st. The House of Commons, by 231 votes to 82 rejected the Labourite motion to reduce the Naval Vote, moved by Mr. Lees Smith, who declared that the Washington Conference merely shifted the competition from battleships to cruisers. He urged the Government to take the initiative in disarmament and suggested 5,000 tons as the maximum size of cruisers. Thereby, incidentally destroying the last vestige of reason for the Singapore Dock. Mr. W. C. Bridgeman, First Lord of the Admiralty, replying, said that Britain had thought out definite proposals for submission to the Naval Disarmament Conference, which, it is hoped, will be held in June at Geneva or elsewhere. He was not going to accept a formula for the abolition of all battleships or all submarines but accepted the formula that, subject to the consideration that Britain stands in a unique position and is dependent for her very existence upon the freedom of the seas, she was prepared to consider, with every desire to come to an agreement, any proposals regarding the limitation of armaments acceptable to other Powers.

Amendment Rejected.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 21st. In the House of Commons, on the vote for dockyard expenditure, Mr. Lees Smith (Labour) moved to reduce the vote as a protest against the building of the Singapore Dock. The discussion was brief, and the amendment was rejected by 213 votes to 88.

### Proposals of Draft Convention.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GENEVA, March 21st. The preparatory Committee of the Disarmament Conference has opened its meetings. Viscount Cecil presented the draft Convention, providing, firstly, that the contracting parties will inform yearly the Secretary-General of the League the amount they propose spending on land, naval and air armaments during the year; secondly, to limit land effective; thirdly, that the tonnage of any one ship, and the number and tonnage of all ships, its class and calibre of guns, must not exceed the figures laid down; and, fourthly, the contracting parties accept the Washington Naval Agreement, and that the limitation of air armaments shall be effected restricting the number of aircraft attached to shore bases. The fifth chapter deals with procedure in cases of violation of the Convention, the duration of which is ten years.

Viscount Cecil explained that the Convention does not propose any definite figures which will remain to be settled by the Conference possibly in June. The Convention does not prevent the contracting parties from increasing armaments beyond the figures of the prospective Treaty in case of, firstly, war in which the contracting parties is a belligerent; secondly, threatened rebellion; thirdly, an emergency involving serious military operations; and, fourthly, in case such increase is agreed to by the League Council.

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## THE BALKANS' FERMENT.

WHAT BRITISH NEWS-PAPERS SAY.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, March 21st.

Although no excessive anxiety is felt in British circles, close attention is being paid to the Balkan situation, upon the Italian allegation of military activities on the Albanian and Jugo-Slav frontier. The allegations have been strongly denied from Belgrade. The Foreign Minister last night declared, in the Skupstina, that his Government desired only to follow a peaceful policy, with avoidance of all adventures and they were willing that international experts should make public investigation of Jugo-Slav defences.

Commenting on the incident, British newspapers point out that Albania can appeal to the League if she feels that its security is threatened and that Jugo-Slavia, Italy or any Power can invoke Article Seven if it considers the situation "Threatens to disturb international peace or good understanding between nations, upon which peace depends."

At the same time the inadvisability of setting the League machinery in motion, without urgent cause is emphasised, and the view is expressed that the matter should be capable of adjustment by ordinary diplomatic methods. In many quarters it is thought that the Belgrade suggestion of investigation might be adopted and that military *attache's* of various Powers should together ascertain the situation on the spot.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Britain and France Advise Moderation.

LONDON, March 21st. The statement in Rome that the British Minister at Belgrade has joined the Italian Minister in a "verbal remonstrance" against Jugo-Slav military preparations on the frontiers is not confirmed in authoritative circles in London, which state that the British Minister called at the Jugo-Slav Foreign Office to inform himself regarding the situation and took the opportunity to advise the Jugo-Slav Government to act with the greatest moderation.

Similar action was taken by the French Minister, according to a message from Paris, which states that M. Berthelot (Secretary) General at the Quai d'Orsay received the Jugo-Slav Minister and spoke to him similarly. The Bulgarian Minister called at the Quai d'Orsay and renewed assurances of Bulgaria's pacific sentiments. The Powers represented on the League Council are consulting on the means to end the tension, if necessary by convening a special meeting of the Council under Article 11 of the Covenant.

### MORE TOURISTS COMING.

S.S. "PRESIDENT FOLK" ON WORLD CRUISE.

60 PROMINENT CALIFORNIANS TO VISIT HONG KONG.

Under the personal direction of Mr. D. F. Robertson, of the D. F. Robertson Travel Bureau, Los Angeles, a party of sixty Californians are due to arrive at Hong Kong on April 11th on the s.s. *President Folk* en route across the world.

Included in the party are Mr. Ulysses S. Grant, jr., son of General Ulysses S. Grant, former President of U.S.A. accompanied by Mrs. Grant, Mr. R. E. Lane, prominent capitalist of Los Angeles, accompanied by Mrs. Lane and son, Mr. Walter Ralphs, President of Ralphs Grocery Company of Los Angeles, accompanied by Mrs. Ralphs, son and daughter.

The *President Folk* left Los Angeles on March 8th, and has since been to San Francisco, Vancouver and Japan and will be at Shanghai on April 6th, from whence she will proceed to Hong Kong.

The party goes from Hong Kong to the Philippines, Ceylon, Egypt, Palestine and on arrival at Naples, will proceed to automobile through Europe.

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[BY AN OWNER-DRIVER.]

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### MOTORS IN SOUTH CHINA.

The more one reflects upon the recent remarks of His Excellency the Governor regarding transport problems in China, the more obvious does it become that the motor has entirely changed the old problem of communication.

Twenty-five years ago we heard a great deal about railway development in China. The Canton-Kowloon railway was built, the Kowloon section being one of the most costly pieces of work of its kind in the world. A road to Canton would have cost far less and if there had been a road a fleet of motor vehicles would have been plying between Kowloon and Canton, leaving the termini at much more frequent intervals than does the train.

### WATER TRANSPORT.

The problem of transport in South China is entirely different from that of transport in North China. In Kwangtung and other provinces in the South the many waterways make railway building very expensive. The weight of a locomotive is much greater than that of a transport wagon and the locomotive drags a long line of trucks after it. It would seem that the bridges required for road transport could be much lighter than those needed for railways. Then, again, the roads can be graded much more steeply for motor transport than for railways and there is nothing like the same need for tunnelling.

There is such a remarkable system of water transport in South China that it is unlikely that railways will ever be able to compete with it for the movement of bulky merchandise. Roads could compete because time is an important factor in passenger traffic and for light freight produce, such as vegetables. Mechanical transport on the roads of Hong Kong and the new Territory has demonstrated beyond cavil that the Chinese appreciate all the advantages that such methods of transport offer.

### ROAD BUILDING.

It will always be more costly to build roads in South China than in North China because of the great amount of bridging that must be done in nearly all of the country south of the Yangtze River.

In North China there are wide level plains, some of them extending to hundreds of square miles. Road building in such a country is a comparatively simple matter. The dust storms create difficulties, but not of the same magnitude as a mountain range or a huge river.

Over many of the mountain ranges there are already narrow tracks that have been worn by the feet of many hundreds of thousands of pedestrians and these will be widened in time so as to take motor transport.

Looking into the future it seems doubtful whether the 50,000 miles of railways in China will ever be greatly extended. The great need of the country is roads for motor vehicles.

### THE INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORT.

The annual report of the Institute reminded us that every technical society or association of any note nowadays demands some qualification from those who wish to become members and the papers submitted at the first examination held under the Institute's auspices showed a high standard. The membership of the Institute is now 2,488 which shows a healthy growth. Mr. Walter Jackson was awarded a gold

medal for his very able paper on "Electric and Petrol Transport of Passengers in America."

No doubt we shall hear more about the growing competition between electricity and petrol in other parts of the world. It seems to be fairly certain that the electric tram can no longer compete with the motor bus and it is, therefore, rather surprising that some enterprising local firm has not run a motor-bus service from West Point to Shaukiwan.

Some such application to the local transport authorities may have been made and regarded by the latter unfavourably. When the Praya East reclamation scheme is complete the roads will be wider. Meanwhile the Kowloon motor bus service grows apace.

### THE LOCAL AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday next the annual meeting of the Hong Kong Automobile Association was to have taken place. The Committee have now decided to hold the meeting on Friday, April 1st, as another important meeting is being held on Monday next. It is to be hoped that there will be a good attendance of members.

The accounts show that the lawyers and a technical adviser have been retained at some expense. As far as it is possible to judge by the accounts only two members have officially consulted these experts. It would have been more economical for the Association to have paid the ordinary professional fees rather than to have made the arrangement for annual retaining fees. It must be confessed that the result of this experiment of retaining a legal and a technical expert has been disappointing. The difficulty with regard to the legal matters is that the police are out to help motorists while at the same time protecting the general public. If the traffic authorities set out to persecute motorists the legal gentlemen would have a much better time. It seems that the police investigate a case very thoroughly before they decide to prosecute.

The writer has been "caught" on more than one occasion. Once he rather carelessly went by a light without looking at the signal. The road was obviously clear and it was in the early days of the lamp signals. He was summoned and in due course paid the fine.

### A COMPLAINT.

The only complaint that he made was that he had to appear before the magistrate in person. He acknowledged his transgression and hoped that he would be excused attendance. Not so. He paid \$5 fine and lost a good deal more than that by being absent from work for several hours.

There might be a recognised schedule of fines allowing the indignant motorist to appeal to the court if he thought the fines unjust. The new Committee of the Hong Kong A.A. might make a working arrangement with the police!

### THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The main business of the annual general meeting of the Association will be to listen to the retiring President's remarks on the year's work, to adopt the statement of accounts and to elect new officers and a new Committee.

As always happens some of last year's committee will be away on leave during this year but it is hoped to persuade some local motorists to serve and to take a detailed interest in the work of the Association.

### GOING "HOME" BY CAR.

Mr. L. L. Drader drove his car from Manchester to Calcutta in less than eighty days. He has opened up the route. Shall we decide, when next we have long leave, to take our car from Hong Kong to Calcutta by steamer and do the remainder of the journey by car? We should pass through Iraq if we decided to do that tour. Mr. Drader went to Bagdad and then on to Quetta. He traversed abominable roads and was lost in a desert after leaving Aleppo. Then his car got stuck in a lake more than 100 feet wide and two feet deep but the Willys-Knight "Six" got out of it on its own power in two hours. He wired an account of the episode and his description included the words "Drained gallon of water out of lower crank case."

These men who blaze the trail for the tourists of the future are to be commended; but until Asia is less infested by bandits we shall feel a bit nervous of the long journeys across Asia. The motor-car is reliable enough. It is the human obstacles that worry, not the machine.

### THE WORLD'S RECORD.

On February 4th, 1927, Mr. Malcolm Campbell obtained two world's records on Pendine Sands.

He did the "Kilo" at a speed of 174.88 miles per hour and the mile at a speed of 174.22 miles.

He used the Dunlop equipment of well-bassed Rims and tyres.

At those terrific speeds the slightest difficulty with a tyre might lead to disaster. It requires great courage to achieve such success and also good materials.

### DIANA OF TO-DAY.

Mrs. Victor Bruce and Miss Violette Cordery are the heroines of the motor world. They are two very plucky women. They are making difficult trials of cars and they will show, incidentally, that the car of to-day can be relied upon to go long distances.

Women are taking a more and more detailed interest in cars and mechanism. The Diana of to-day hunts records. She has all the nerve and courage of any heroine of the ancients.

### THE PRIZES.

An English motor firm has a capital of £500,825. In 1926 the profit on that capital amounted to £293,670. In 1927 the profit was £70,000 and in 1928 it was £200,000. The lucky shareholder this year will obtain half of the original capital as a dividend. That makes the mouths of some Hong Kong shareholders water.

The firm paying out these big profits manufactures commercial vehicles and it would be of interest to know what commercial vehicle manufacturers will pay in dividends this year taking an average.

The British engineering trade, as a whole, suffered a great deal during 1926. Not only is there still the world trade depression but there was, in England, the general strike. That threw back the output of engineering materials.

Some of the English motor firms make profits, others do not. The man of the hour is Mr. Morris who is now the dominating figure in the British motor industry. The writer knows the inside of the works that he has acquired and in no place in the world are there better workmen than are to be found in those works. Morris will make their pay—there will be more prizes.

### PERSONALITY.

Mr. W. R. Morris, who is only forty-three, was born with few advantages and his amazing success has been due to the qualities beloved by the British people—pluck and industry. He received his education, not at a famous public school, but at a village school. He worked at the bench as a fitter in the cycle industry.

He started his motor-car factory at Cowley on a small scale because he had not much capital but he always had before him the idea of a big factory. In these days when we hear a great deal of sentimental "sob-stuff" (as the Americans call it) about internationalism—a term popular amongst cranks and communists—it is refreshing to find a definite personality such as that of Mr. Morris. He is proud of the fact that Britain was the pioneer in engineering work. He is patriotic and does not apologise for the fact. He says "Buy my car—but if you won't do that, if you are a Briton support your own country and buy a British car."

### A GOOD SIX.

He will "ginger up" the Wolsley works and he will not be content with making money. He wants to make a good six cylinder car. He paid very nearly three quarters of a million sterling for the new venture.

His trade rivals all acknowledge the immense driving force of Mr. Morris, and he will not be content with the English market; he will make a bold bid for trade overseas. Best of all he will bring about a reduction in the price of cars.

### HIGH PRICED CARS.

Although it is now-a-days possible to obtain a car at a much lower price than in the early years of motoring it is also possible to pay a lot of money for a luxurious vehicle.

The British motor industry is not able to turn out a quantity production comparable to the American factories but it does produce beautiful pieces of mechanism that give real joy to their fortunate drivers.

H.R.H. Prince Henry recently selected a 35 horse-power car of a well-known British make. The engine has eight cylinders. A beautiful car, but the price makes it impossible for the man who does not

have a big income. The tax (annual) in Great Britain is £35. The Duke and Duchess of York during their visit to New Zealand used an enclosed limousine known as "the long eighteen." The Royal family, it may be said, spread their patronage amongst the high grade car producers of England.

Thirty cars of the famous Rolls Royce make were to be seen parked together at Delhi recently. H.E. the Governor at Singapore has one of the same make—a 30 horse-power machine.

The materials used in these high grade cars are well tested and are of the best quality that metallurgical science can produce. An eight cylinder car is not only expensive to buy, but it is also expensive to run. It is, however, a great delight to handle.

The passenger may find it difficult to discover where lies the great difference in value between the £350 car and one that costs £2,000 but the expert feels a thrill when he handles an almost perfect piece of mechanism. To the uninitiated there seems to be but little difference between certain specimens of any one kind of jewel, such as diamonds, that vary a great deal in price because of the particular qualities which the experts require.

High priced cars have the great advantage that, if treated properly, they will go on working for many years. It almost seems, in fact, as if some of the models of 1928 cannot possibly wear out. What will inevitably happen is that they will in time become old fashioned in appearance. Fashion is a great friend to the motor manufacturer. He likes to turn out a good article but he wants his sales to increase and here fashion helps him.

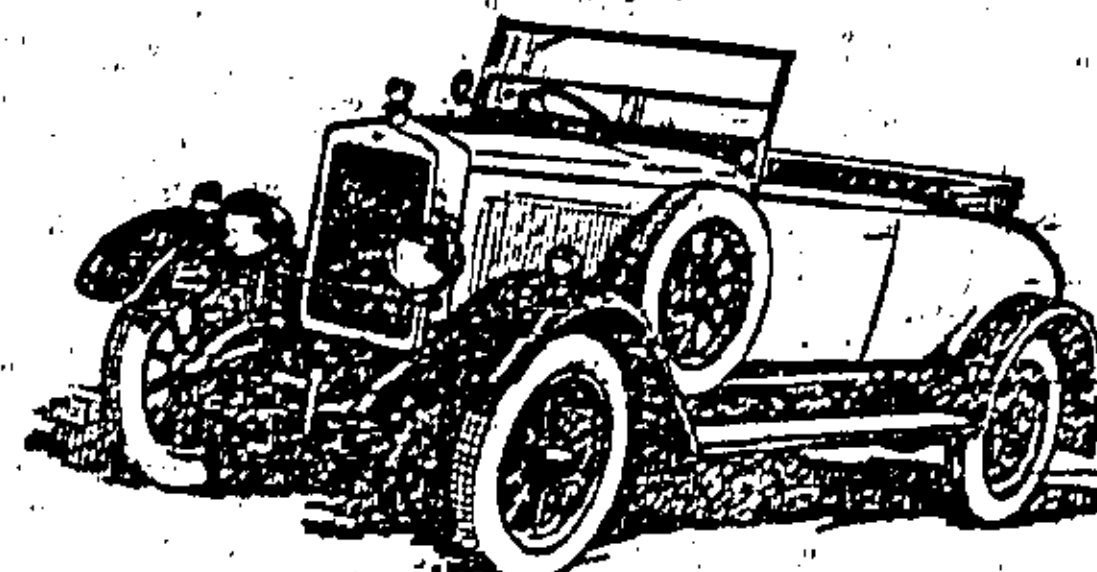
### ORCHARD ON A LONDON ROOF.

EXPERIMENT WITH 70 FRUIT TREES.

Seventy fruit trees are to be planted on the roof of Adelaide House, the office building overlooking London Bridge. There is already an eighteen-hole putting course, but those responsible for the building have arranged for hundreds of tons of soil to be carried to the roof, and have obtained the advice of experts with a view to fruit trees being planted there this spring.

A screen will be erected to protect them from the keen winds. The experiment of an orchard on a City roof is being watched with great interest.

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## RACING NOTES.

[By RAPIER.]

## Fauling Hunt.

The meet to-day is at the Hunters' Arms at 2.30 and on Saturday at Sheung Shui Police Station at 9.30.

**Kwanti Steeplechase Meeting.**  
If sufficient entries are forthcoming the following events will be added to the programme of the above meeting on April 9th.

1. The Kwanti Cup.—About two miles and three furlongs. For horses. Catch weights 10 stone. Entrance fee \$5. Cups will be presented to the first, second and third.  
2. The Hyward Stakes.—About 7 furlongs. For the products of horses and donkeys however arrived at, i.e., jennets may run. Entrance fee \$5. First \$50, second \$20, third \$10.

Officers of any regiments stationed here desiring any information about the meeting should get in touch with Mr. A. H. Potts, Messrs. Benjamin & Potts, Ice House Street.

## EXTRA RACE MEETING.

## THE HANDICAPS FOR SATURDAY.

The entries for the first extra race meeting, to be held at Happy Valley on Saturday next, were published yesterday. Below will be found the handicaps awarded in connection with this meeting.

## Happy Valley Handicap:

## "A" Class.

|                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| King of Troy       | 158 lbs. |
| King of the Plains | 150      |
| Spotted Sand       | 143      |
| Grey Morn          | 155      |
| Total Abstinence   | 158      |
| Soapy Sponges      | 143      |
| Grey Knight        | 150      |
| Grande del Norte   | 155      |
| Misty Eye          | 168      |
| Bright Eye         | 150      |
| Battle Eye         | 162      |
| The Gomeril        | 158      |
| The Gezer          | 151      |
| The Gnome          | 145      |
| Sunburst Rose      | 156      |
| Ukelele            | 161      |
| Barley Grass       | 140      |
| Home Call          | 150      |
| Espeir             | 148      |

## Happy Valley Handicap:

## "B" Class.

|                |          |
|----------------|----------|
| King of Troy   | 158 lbs. |
| Tangle         | 150      |
| Reckless       | 152      |
| Loch Rannoch   | 149      |
| Loch Tummel    | 147      |
| Yorks          | 143      |
| Grey Sreak     | 152      |
| Kom Tong Hall  | 155      |
| Salvo          | 150      |
| The Goblin     | 173      |
| The Grig       | 148      |
| September      | 159      |
| The Regent     | 158      |
| Dobbin         | 151      |
| The Sand Piper | 150      |
| San Diego      | 165      |
| Saracen        | 158      |
| Spectre        | 158      |

## Wanchai Handicap: "A" Class.

|                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| King of Troy       | 158 lbs. |
| King of the Plains | 150      |
| Spotted Sand       | 143      |
| Grey Morn          | 155      |
| Total Abstinence   | 158      |
| Brigade Call       | 150      |
| Misty Eye          | 168      |
| Bright Eye         | 150      |
| Battle Eye         | 162      |
| Attaboy            | 173      |
| The Gomeril        | 158      |
| The Gezer          | 151      |
| The Gnome          | 145      |
| Sunburst Rose      | 156      |
| Ukelele            | 161      |
| Barley Grass       | 140      |
| Espeir             | 148      |

## Wanchai Handicap: "B" Class.

|              |     |
|--------------|-----|
| Loch Rannoch | 149 |
| Tangle       | 150 |
| Loch Tummel  | 147 |
| Reckless     | 152 |
| Yorks        | 143 |
| Salvo        | 150 |
| The Goblin   | 173 |
| Perversity   | 140 |
| Dobbin       | 151 |
| San Diego    | 165 |
| Furzehead    | 140 |
| Saracen      | 158 |
| Spectre      | 158 |

## HOME FOOTBALL.

## YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 21st.  
The following football matches were played to-day:

|                            |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| Division I.                |  |
| Cardiff 2, Huddersfield 0. |  |
| Division II.               |  |
| Orient 1, Swansea 0.       |  |
| Preston 0, Chelsea 2.      |  |
| Wolves 4, Blackpool 1.     |  |

## THE BOAT RACE.

## OXFORD STROKE DOWN WITH MEASLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 21st.  
The Oxford stroke, W. Llewellyn, has contracted German measles. The Oxford crew was struck at morning practice at Putney by A. H. Hanks, the spare man, who shaped excellently.

## LAWN TENNIS.

## H.K.C.C. TOURNAMENT RESULTS.

## NG SZE KWONG HAS HARD FIGHT.

## MORE MATCHES TO-DAY.

On the Hong Kong Cricket Club principal court yesterday afternoon Ng Sze Kwong played Major Stevenson in the second round of the Open Singles Championship of the Colony. A large crowd of spectators was present and although the Chinese player won in straight sets, he did not get the measure of his opponent until after a long third set was played.

Major Stevenson put up an exceptionally fine fight and brought the scores to three all and four all in the first set before losing it at 6-4. Ng Sze Kwong was dominant in the second set, hitting hard and winning easily at 6-1. The third set produced a ding dong struggle in which both men played carefully and well. The Major had the lead by the odd game most of the way and was apparently playing more forcefully than his opponent who fell off towards the end. He led at 3-4, 7-6 and 8-7, but Ng Sze Kwong held his own at the critical stages and eventually won the set at 10-8.

The winner played a steady game. Occasionally he showed flashes of brilliancy characteristic of his old championship form and he produced a better forehand stroke than he has shown for many years. He was best in the second set but seemed to lose confidence in himself in the closing stages of the last set.

Major Stevenson played very coolly throughout. His chief asset was a sound anticipation of Ng Sze Kwong's returns and he covered his court extremely well. On the run of play he deserved every game that he won.

Ng Sze Kwong now meets E. C. Fincher in the third round.

In the same event M. W. Lo and Rev. Alexander met in a very fast match which went to the full five sets before the Chinese gained the decision. Lo possessed more strokes and showed better courtcraft than his opponent who was enterprising but somewhat "unorthodox." There were many base line duels and both drove hard. The Rev. Alexander lost the first two sets, but won the next two by forcing the pace. He appeared leading for victory in the last set, but Lo recovered his form and won in convincing manner.

In the Open Doubles, Leonard and Trumbitzky met and defeated the Hussain brothers in straight sets, and now qualify to meet the winners of the Rumjahn cousins and Lau Man Kwong and Lu Tak Cheuk match in the third round.

Four Open Doubles and one Open Singles matches will be played to-day.

## The results of yesterday's matches were as follows:

## Open Singles.

Second Round:—Ng Sze Kwong beat Major W. B. Stevenson, 6-4, 6-1, 10-8; M. W. Lo beat Rev. F. P. W. Alexander, 6-2, 6-4, 2-6, 2-6, 6-2.

## Open Doubles.

Second Round:—J. W. Leonard and N. Trumbitzky beat S. A. Hussain and S. S. Hussain, 6-1, 6-0, 7-5.

## Handicap Doubles.

R. L. Moirerick and R. W. Lee (rec. 15/1) beat Major C. Willson and N. L. Smith (rec. 15/1), 6-3, 4-6, 6-1; W. B. Cornaby and A. Piercy (rec. 1/6) beat A. H. Crook and Dr. J. R. Craig (rec. 1/6), 6-3, 6-1; E. J. R. Mitchell and W. Hyde (owe 1/6) beat N. J. Perrin and W. A. Wright (rec. 15), 6-2, 6-2; H. J. Armstrong and S. M. Garrard (rec. 3/8) beat Dr. J. C. McGowan and M. M. Watson (rec. 3/8), 6-3, 6-4.

## To-day's Matches.

Open Singles:—S. A. Rumjahn v. A. H. Crook.

Open Doubles:—T. Honda and H. Akiyama v. T. Ena and T. Edo (2nd round); Col. C. Russell Brown and G. Forster v. E. Grimbie and H. Over Hager; I. M. Razack and J. A. Cassimboy v. T. D. E. Pendered and G. Miskia; S. E. Green and W. Hyde v. D. S. Green and H. F. Strange.

Handicap Doubles:—R. K. Valentine and Dr. D. J. Valentine (scr.) v. J. R. Wood and the Hon. Mr. E. B. Hallifax (rec. 2/6).

Handicap Singles:—"B"—A. I. Hatzeland (rec. 2/6) v. H. V. Parker (rec. 15); Lt. A. E. Barlow (rec. 15/1) v. M. M. Watson (rec. 15/1).

## HOCKEY.

## H.K.H.C. 1st XI v. SUBMARINES.

This game takes place to-day at 2.15 p.m. sharp on the U.S.R.C. ground.

H.K.H.C.—F. Nicholas, S. H. Garrod, D. Lyon, A. A. Dand, E. R. Mitchell (Capt.), E. L. Sim, G. B. Slipper, W. Woodward, Capt. T. H. O. Walker, R.A.M.C., Capt. E. J. Larkcom, R.E., and T. P. Sanderson.

## CRICKET.

## LEAGUE CHAMPIONS v. REST.

At the invitation of the Kowloon Cricket Club, the Champions of Division I, the match between them, and a Team drawn from the Rest of the League which was to have been played on the Hong Kong Cricket Club ground on Saturday, will be played on the Kowloon Cricket Club ground on the same day.

Tiffin will be served at 1 p.m. and play commences immediately afterwards.

The Indian Recreation Club, winners of the second division wish to have the second division match, Champions v. the Rest, played on the Indian Recreation Club ground.

## VOLUNTEERS v. CLUB DE RECREIO.

This game will be played on Saturday at 2.15 p.m. sharp on the Club de Recreio ground.

Volunteers:—E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), S. J. Jordan, C. D. Wales, F. T. Orr, J. A. Summers, R. W. Lee, J. R. Hinton, H. V. Parker, H. F. Westlake, W. Wooding and R. F. Strange.

## RUGBY.

## IMPORTANT MATCH TO-DAY.

So far the Hong Kong Rugby Football Club have been in a winning vein this season. They defeated the Border Regiment at Happy Valley on Monday evening by 5 points to 3 points. This evening, at 5.30, there will be perhaps the most important match of the season. This is the annual encounter between the Club and the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank. Both sides will turn out strong teams, and a keen contest is expected.

To-morrow, provided the ground is still playable, the Club are to meet a team from the King's Own Scottish Borderers.

With the revival of rugby in the Colony, and the presence of so many good players, it is as we have already pointed out only the lack of playing space which prevents more matches being arranged.

## YACHTING.

## THE WEEK-END PROGRAMME.

The Yachting programme for the coming week-end has now been decided on.

On Saturday there will be the re-sail of the "Ladies" Cup for all racing yachts, postponed from March 12th. The course will be Lyemian Beacon (p), Kowloon Rock (p), Mark in Quarry Bay (p), Channel Rocks (p), a distance of 8.9 miles.

On Sunday, one of the big events of the season will take place, namely the contest between the Ladies and the Club. Reference to this event, and the conditions, etc., has already been made in our yachting notes.

Also on Sunday there will be the sail off of the tie in the Cruiser Championship.

## THE S.S. "PRESIDENT MADISON."

## WHO'S WHO ON BOARD.

Arriving here yesterday from Seattle via Shanghai and ports, the s.s. *President Madison* carried several well-known passengers for this port and for Manila.

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The *President Madison* left here for Manila yesterday at 3 p.m., with about 60 passengers who had joined the ship here.

Among the passengers were:—Capt. H. Bartlett, R.N., who is making a visit to Hong Kong.

Mrs. C. Claxton and Miss J. Claxton, Shanghai residents, returning to Australia after a year spent in Shanghai.

Mr. N. B. Karanjan, a well-known merchant of Shanghai and Hong Kong, on a business trip to Hong Kong.

Mr. H. P. Massey, Vice-Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council on a visit to Hong Kong.

Mr. and Mrs. Kai Quan and Miss Kai Quan. Mr. Kai Quan is traffic manager of the Kwong Chung Company in New York, returning to Hong Kong to visit relatives and on a combined business and pleasure trip.

Mr. W. H. Rogers, a dealer in wild animals and birds. A hunter of some reputation. On a business trip into the wilds of Siam and Indo-China.

Mr. D. B. Sparks, an importer and exporter of Shanghai, on a business trip taking him to Hong Kong.

For Manila.

Mr. Frank Chamberlain, connected with Peacock Film Co., on a prospecting trip.

Mr. M. Arana, representing a firm of Spanish dealers in hemp goods, with headquarters in New York City. He is on a business trip to Manila.

Mr. Charles H. Core, an old resident of Shanghai. He is connected with the Dodge and Seymour Co.

Mr. F. de la Guardia, a Spanish writer and lecturer going to Manila to conduct a series of lectures.

## GOLF.

## BOGEY POOL AT FANLING.

The bogey pool at Fanling on March 19th-21st resulted as follows: Commander Aubrey, all square. Other scores:—L. G. S. Dodwell, 2 down. N. L. Smith, 3 down. A. E. Wood, 3 down.

## HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, March 22nd.

Previous On Date On Date

Day at 2 p.m. 6 a.m. 2 p.m.

Barometer... 30.10 30.09 30.03

Temperature... 63 60 68

Humidity... 63 71 67

Wind... E S E S E East

Direction... E S E S E East

Force... 0 0 0

Rain... 0.00 0.00 0.00

Highest open-air Temperature, 21st: 81

Lowest open-air Temperature, 22nd: 59

B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Qualls; R=Rain; T=Thunder.

## HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From March 23rd to 29th, 1927.

High Water. Low Water.

| Days of Week | Date of Month | Hong Kong Standard Time | Height | Hong Kong Standard Time | Height |
|--------------|---------------|-------------------------|--------|-------------------------|--------|
| Wed.         | 23            | 11 m. 40                | 5 m. 5 | 5 m. 46                 | 3.9    |
| Thur.        | 24            | 10 m. 39                | 4 m. 6 | 5 m. 4                  | 3.2    |
| Fri.         | 25            | 10 m. 12                | 5 m. 7 | 5 m. 21                 | 3.5    |
| Sat.         | 26            | 10 m. 46                | 4 m. 8 | 5 m. 12                 | 3.5    |
| Sun.         | 27            | 10 m. 37                | 3 m. 8 | 5 m. 37                 | 3.7    |
| Mon.         | 28            | 10 m. 15                | 4 m. 8 | 5 m. 17                 | 3.7    |
| Tues.        | 29            | 10 m. 46                | 3 m. 9 | 5 m. 2                  | 4.0    |
|              |               | 6 m. 14                 | 5 m. 1 | 5 m. 27                 | 3.8    |

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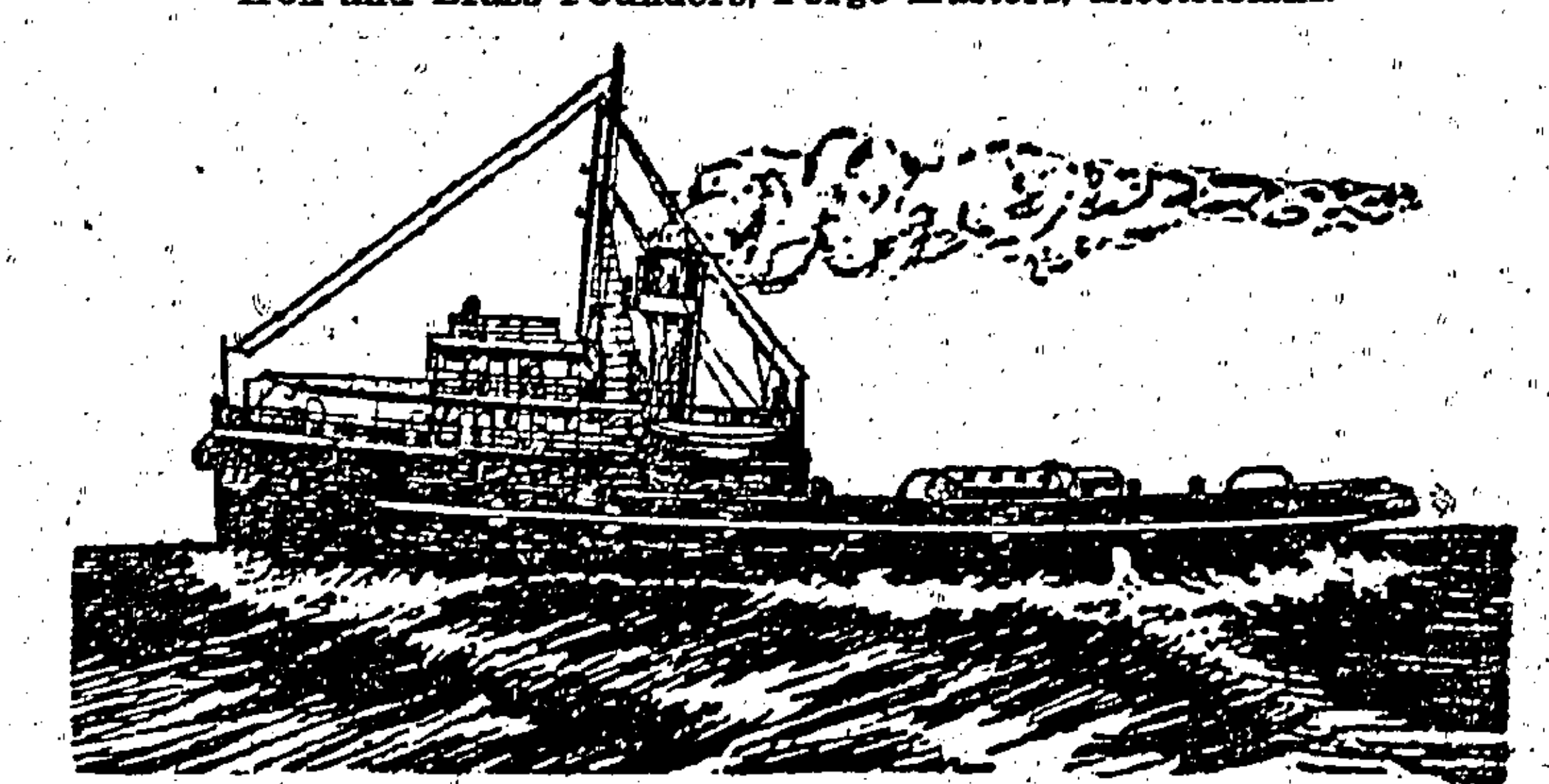
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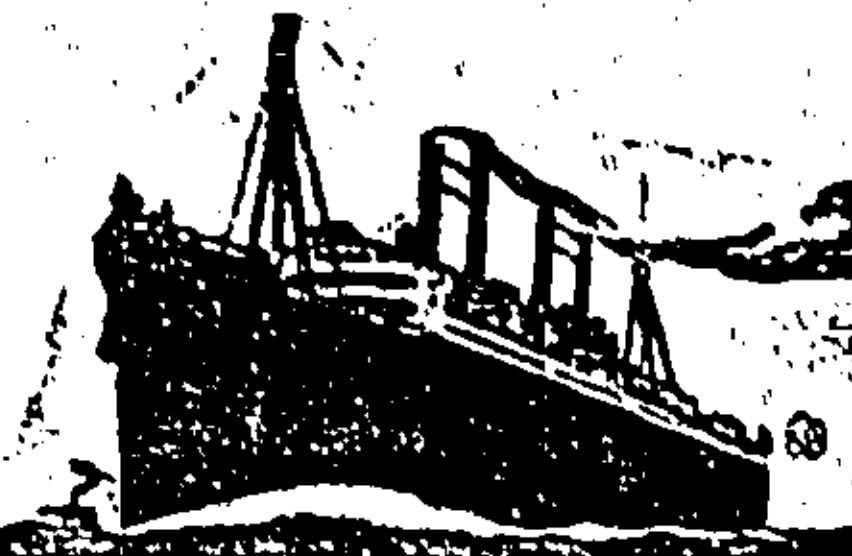
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| TJILBOET   | JAVA, MACASSAR | 28th "               | 31st "                 | AMUT & N. CHINA |
| TJISALAK   | N.O. & AMOT    | 29th "               | 1st April              | BATAVIA         |
| TJIBODAS   | JAVA           | 7th April            | 10th "                 | SAIGON & JAVA   |
| TJIKARORA  | BATAVIA        | 10th "               | 13th "                 | SHANGHAI        |
| TJIKARANG  | SHANGHAI       | 11th "               | 14th "                 | BATAVIA         |
| TJISONDARI | JAVA, MACASSAR | 12th "               | 14th "                 | AMUT & N. CHINA |
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| FROM                               | PER         | DATE      |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| STRAITS                            | Kai Sang    | 23rd Mar. |
| STRAITS                            | Janus       | 23rd Mar. |
| STRAITS                            | Shantung    | 23rd Mar. |
| STRAITS                            | Sumatra     | 24th Mar. |
| EUROPE via NAGASAKI (letters only) |             |           |
| London, 24th Feb.                  |             |           |
| STRAITS                            | Yongchow    | 24th Mar. |
| STRAITS                            | Harima Maru | 25th Mar. |
| STRAITS                            | Tosio       | 25th Mar. |
| EUROPE via NAGASAKI (papers only)  |             |           |
| London, 24th Feb.                  |             |           |
| U.S.A., HONOLULU, JAPAN & SHANGHAI | Pres. Hayes | 25th Mar. |
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## OUTWARD MAILS.

| FOR                                                                                    | PER         | DATE                             |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|
| Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday, 1st April, 4th April | Tango Maru  | Reg. 8.45 A.M. Letters 9.30 A.M. |
| Swatow                                                                                 | Yuenan      | 10.30 A.M.                       |
| Swatow                                                                                 | Minghao     | 10.30 A.M.                       |
| Swatow                                                                                 | Damplo      | 10.30 A.M.                       |
| Swatow                                                                                 | Towin       | 12.30 P.M.                       |
| Swatow                                                                                 | Beapert     | 3.30 P.M.                        |
| Swatow, Amoy and Formosa                                                               | Acting Maru | 3.30 P.M.                        |
| Swatow                                                                                 | Kiungchow   | 10.30 A.M.                       |
| Swatow and Haiphong                                                                    | Acting Maru | 12.30 P.M.                       |
| Swatow                                                                                 | Acting Maru | 3.30 P.M.                        |
| Shanghai & Japan                                                                       | Janus       | 8.30 A.M.                        |
| Swatow                                                                                 | Yuenan      | 11.30 A.M.                       |
| Swatow, Amoy and Fochow                                                                | Acting Maru | 1.00 P.M.                        |
| Amoy                                                                                   | Acting Maru | 5.00 P.M.                        |
| Swatow, Amoy and Formosa                                                               | Honan Maru  | 8.30 A.M.                        |
| Swatow and Haiphong                                                                    | Kiungchow   | 8.30 A.M.                        |
| Swatow                                                                                 | Acting Maru | 10.30 A.M.                       |
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